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‘It’s about saving lives’

Top Berrien County health officials implore residents to take growing COVID crisis seriously

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

The eight months of the COVID-19 pandemic have been like one long final exam week for health officials in Berrien County.

“There are a number of reasons why the finals week is getting worse and harder,” Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, said in an interview with The Herald-Palladium this week.

Now in a third wave, health care workers are burnt out, hospital capacity is shrinking, supplies are running low again and contact tracers can’t keep up. That’s not to mention the pandemic fatigue plaguing the general public.

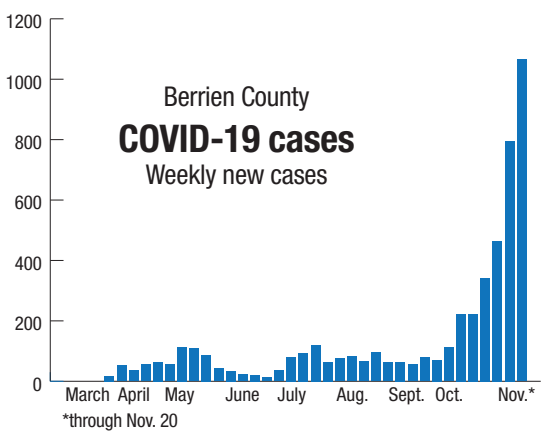
“As we started this epidemic, everyone seemed concerned and aligned and wanted to be careful. As time has passed, that concern has mostly felt, to health care providers, as decreased. The care, the diligence has also declined and the pandemic has gotten worse,” Hamel said. “And in the middle of all that, tragically, this became political. For those of us in health care, it’s not political, it’s about saving lives. The lives of our friends and neighbors. That’s not political. That’s just showing love and respect for those we serve.”

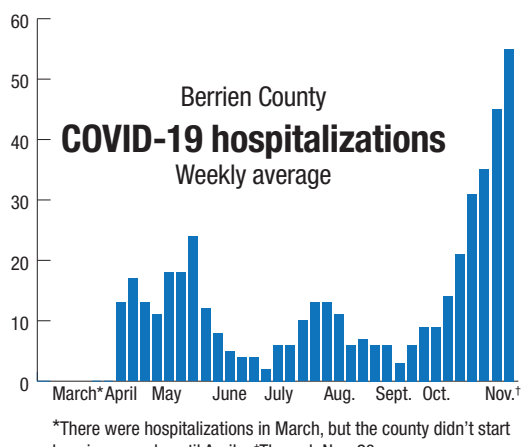
Another coronavirus surge was long predicted, but Hamel said it was predicted to happen earlier.

“I think the concern, the diligence, the governor’s orders, the response across the country, helped slow that surge down. That was a really favorable thing. It helped us catch up with supplies. It helped us develop new therapies. It helped us plan for this surge,” he said.

But, Hamel said, as folks saw flat trend lines through the summer, they became less concerned.

“And maybe even a little more complacent and indifferent – thinking ‘Oh, maybe this isn’t going to be so bad.’ The surge that we’re currently seeing is identical to the surge we predicted,” Hamel said.





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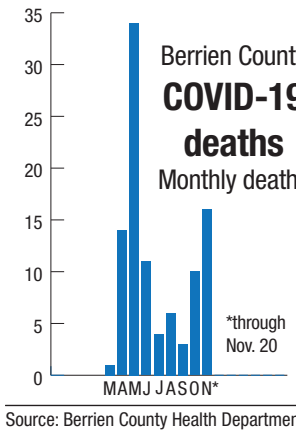

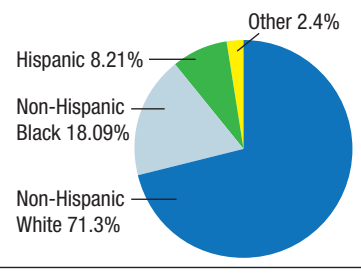

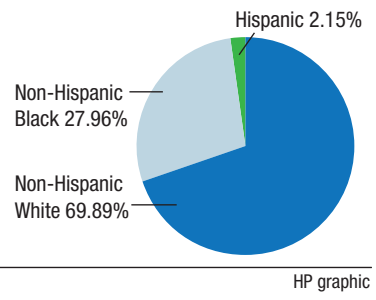

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What’s the capacity?

Nicki Britten, health officer at the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), said one of the biggest sources of frustration for many people is not knowing what metrics need to be hit at the local and state level to know that the curve is being flattened again and things can reopen.

“We’d want to see a slowing in the number of cases that are coming in each day,” she said. “Right now, we’re still in that exponential growth, where we’re doubling our cases probably every 10 to 14 days.”

Percent positivity and hospitalizations also need to come down.

“We want to see those three things leveling off and ultimately going down, but at this point I’d settle for leveling off, because right now, all those things are increasing without slowing down,” Britten said.

With national and state testing strategy so uneven, hospitalizations have become the best way to understand the level of COVID-19 transmission in a community.

“The thing least impacted by a testing strategy is that hospitalization rate, because whether you’ve had the test or not, if you’re to that level where you need care, you are going to show up at the hospital,” Britten said.

On Friday, Spectrum Health Lakeland had 57 COVID-positive patients admitted. The hospital never reached 30 hospitalizations at one time during the first or second wave.

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Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Cars line up at the Benton Harbor High School parking lot on Friday at a COVID-19 drive-thru testing site, operated by InterCare Community Health Network in collaboration with Spectrum Health Lakeland. No appointments are needed at the testing site, which is now open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and is available to anyone with or without symptoms, free of charge, with a photo ID.

Cars wait in line at a COVID-19 drive-thru testing site Friday in the Benton Harbor High School parking lot.

Berrien COVID numbers continue steep rise

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Berrien County again recorded the most new COVID-19 cases this week since the start of the pandemic in March.

The county recorded 1,066 cases this week, compared to 795 last week and 465 the week before that.

That means the county averaged about 152 new cases a day this week.

In addition, Berrien County recorded five new COVID-19 deaths this week. This brings the county’s death toll to 99. The state has 102 deaths listed for the county, which can be attributed to vital record reviews this week. Berrien County does its own verification before adding those deaths to its total.

The county added 249 recoveries this week, bringing the total number of recoveries in the county to 2,168.

That means there are still about 2,700 people in the community who are actively sick with the virus. The county is now considering someone

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How to get a COVID test

Ascension Medical Group (Dowagiac): 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 782-1500, appointment required, no doctor’s order needed.

Benton Harbor High School: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m to 4 p.m Thursday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, no appointment required, will test if asymptotic, ID required.

CVS Pharmacy (St. Joseph): various hours, visit www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing to make appointment, will test if asymptomatic.

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Trump tries to leverage power of office to subvert Biden win

By ZEKE MILLER, COLLEEN LONG and DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump sought to leverage the power of the Oval Office on Friday in an extraordinary attempt to block President-elect Joe Biden’s victory as criticism mounted that his futile efforts to subvert the results of the 2020 election could do long-lasting damage to democratic traditions.

Trump summoned a delegation of Republican lawmakers from Michigan, including the state’s Senate majority leader and House speaker, in an apparent extension of his efforts to persuade judges and election officials in the state to set aside Biden’s 154,000-vote margin of victory and grant him the state’s electors.

Trump’s efforts to override the public’s will extended to other battleground states that Biden carried as well. It all added up to an unprecedented attempt by a sitting president to maintain his grasp on power, or in failure, to delegitimize his opponent’s victory in the eyes of his army of supporters.

Rick Hasen, an election law expert and professor who has been meticulously chronicling the 2020 race, wrote that there would be “rioting” in the streets if an effort was made to set aside the vote in Michigan, calling it tantamount to an attempted coup.

“We should worry because this is profoundly antidemocratic and is delegitimizing the victory of Joe Biden in a free and fair election,” Hasan wrote on his blog. “It is profoundly depressing we still have to discuss this. But it is extremely unlikely to lead to any different result for president.”

In a joint statement after the White House meeting, Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey and House Speaker Lee Chatfield said allegations of fraud should be investigated, but indicated they were unmoved by Trump’s claims thus far. “We have not yet been made aware of any information that would change the outcome of the election in Michigan and as legislative leaders, we will follow the law and follow the normal process regarding Michigan’s electors, just as we have said throughout this election.”

“The candidates who win the most votes win elections and Michigan’s electoral votes,” they added, saying they used the meeting with Trump to press him for more pandemic aid money for their state.

The president on Friday again falsely claimed victory, declaring as an aside during a White House announcement on drug pricing, “I won, by the way, but you know, we’ll find that out.”

Trump’s roughly hour-long meeting Friday with the Michigan legislators came days after he personally called two local canvass board officials who had refused to certify the results in Wayne County, Michigan’s most populous county and one that overwhelmingly favored Biden. The two GOP officials

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InterCare Community Health Network (Benton Harbor, Bangor, Pullman): various hours, will test if asymptomatic, call 855-869-6900 or visit www.intercare.org/covid-19.html, no appointment required, no doctor's order needed.

MedExpress (Benton Harbor): various hours, visit medexpress.com or call 934-8550 to make an appointment, not free.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Benton Harbor and Niles): various hours, call 888-535-6136 to make appointment, will test if asymptomatic.

Niles Community Health Center: 8 a.m. to noon Monday and Thursday and 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, appointment required, call 930-1002, will test if asymptomatic.

Rite-Aid (Bridgman and Niles): various hours, will test if asymptomatic, appointment required, visit www.riteaid.com.

Spectrum Health Lakeland (St. Joseph, Watervliet, Niles): various hours, doctor's order required, call 833-559-0659 for screening if no primary care doctor, call 927-5100 to schedule appointment.

Many of these testing sites are free and will also accept insurance.

To find more testing sites, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/.

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recovered if they have had a confirmed COVID-19 test result and are alive 30 days after referral. The number of recoveries in mid-December should be very high.

In total, since March, the county has recorded 4,967 confirmed cases and 438 presumed cases. That's an addition of 26 presumed cases since last Friday.

Berrien County's percent positivity was at about 21 percent this week, meaning about one in five tests was positive. According to the state about 1,100 tests are being administered each day in the county.

Hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland averaged about 55 each day this week. That's also the highest weekly average since the start of the pandemic.

Van Buren/Cass

The spread of COVID-19 continued to be elevated, but not expanding as fast, this week in Van Buren and Cass counties.

Van Buren County recorded 427 new COVID-19 cases for the week. That's compared to about 400 last week and 224 the week before that.

Cass County added 187 new cases this week. That's compared to 293 last week and 146 the week before.

Van Buren recorded six COVID-19 deaths this week, while Cass County had two.

In total, since March, Van Buren County has recorded 29 deaths and 2,132 cases, and Cass County has recorded 28 deaths and 1,702 cases.

Cass County had about a 16 percent positivity rate as of Monday, while Van Buren County's was at about 15 percent.

Recovery totals in Van Buren and Cass counties have stalled, as the health department did not update them this week. The numbers from last week, and more Van Buren and Cass county COVID-19 information can be found at https://vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

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Friday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
JC-KC-8C-9D-10H
Midday Daily 3
3-9-2
Midday Daily 4
8-7-7-2
Daily 3
8-7-9
Daily 4
6-2-4-2
Fantasy 5
01-10-11-19-28
Keno
03-05-06-11-14-16-23-26-27-28-41-42-43-49-53-59-60-62-67-69-75-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$188 million
Powerball jackpot
$192 million

Thursday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
12-13-14-19-32
Estimated jackpot
$130,000
Cash4Life
16-17-18-37-58, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
02-03-06-08-09-21-27-31-37-39-40-42-46-49-54-56-69-76-77-80, BE: 69
Daily Three-Midday
5-4-3, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
2-6-4, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
7-9-8-7, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
9-4-6-2, SB: 9
Quick Draw Evening
02-04-05-06-07-10-15-17-19-24-35-38-43-49-52-54-62-68-69-77, BE: 15
Illinois
Lotto
06-11-19-25-45-52, Extra Shot: 21
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
08-28-32-35-36
Estimated jackpot
$200,000
Pick Three-Midday
5-4-4, Fireball: 3
Pick Three-Evening
5-5-0, Fireball: 8
Pick Four-Midday
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eventually agreed to certify the results. But following Trump's call, they said they had second thoughts.

The Board of State Canvassers is to meet Monday to certify the statewide outcome and it was unclear whether Republican members of that panel would similarly balk.

Some Trump allies have expressed hope that state lawmakers could intervene in selecting Republican electors, as the president and his attorneys have pushed baseless allegations of fraud that have been repeatedly rejected in courtrooms across the country.

"The president could be calling Republican legislators and others to the White House to try and squeeze them," tweeted former Trump national security adviser John Bolton. "Republicans at all levels – state, county, election boards, legislatures – must resist this political pressure."

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany told reporters that the meeting with Michigan officials was "not an advocacy meeting" and insisted Trump "routinely meets with lawmakers from across the country." But such meetings are in fact rare, particularly as Trump has maintained a low profile since the election.

As he departed Detroit for Washington on Friday morning, Shirkey was swarmed by activists bearing signs that read: "Respect the Vote" and "Protect Democracy."

Chatfield tweeted before the meeting with Trump: "No matter the party, when you have an opportunity to meet with the President of the United States, of course you take it. I won't apologize for that."

State Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton, was part of the Michigan delegation. He represents the 26th District.

Trump's effort to set aside the Michigan vote was sure to fail. Experts on Michigan election law said the Michigan Board of State Canvassers' authority was limited in scope.

"Their duties are to receive the canvass and certify the canvass, that's it," said John Pirich, a former assistant attorney general who teaches at Michigan State University Law School. "They have absolutely no power to investigate allegations, theories or any half-brained kind of arguments that are being thrown around."

The Michigan Legislature would be called on to select electors if Trump succeeded in convincing the board not to certify the results.

Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer could seek a court order forcing board members to certify the election and could remove those who refused, said Steve Liedel, another election attorney.

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Hamel said the hospital technically has the beds to have double that, but lacks the staff or supplies to accommodate so many seriously ill patients.

"If that goes up by 10-15 percent (about 5-8 more patients), staffing is going to be extremely difficult because we'll also have to staff that with fewer people, working harder with sicker patients. That is the concern," he said.

Supplies, especially tests, are again starting to become more scarce.

Hamel said the Spectrum Health system had the ability to do more testing than other health systems in Michigan, and yet it's still running low because of the volume of people who need tests.

"We're going to run out," he said. "The next two or three weeks are going to be very challenging weeks and if we don't see the curve flatten three to four weeks from now, in the middle of the holiday season, it's going to be an incredible struggle."

Hamel said hospital staff try to remain optimistic.

"I see courage in eyes, smiles in faces, compassion in hearts, and that's all a wonderful thing. But I also see signs of burnout. I see folks that just do not have the resilience they had a month or two or three ago," he said.

They're also susceptible to getting the virus, which at best would mean having to take two weeks off work to quarantine. At worst, they could become seriously ill or infect a family member.

Britten said what the community does right now will shape how the hospital looks two weeks from now.

"Whoever might need hospital care in 14 days, they've been exposed and potentially infected already. What happens in weeks three and four from where we are right now continues to be up to us," she said.

What's the risk?

Hamel said there is about a 1 in 9 chance you'll be hospitalized if you feel sick with COVID-19.

"And if you're hospitalized, there's a 1 in 6 chance you're going to need to be in the ICU. Of those sick enough to be in the hospital, the chance of those dying is about 1 in 10," he said. "We obviously get the sickest people in the hospital, and that trend has continued through most of the pandemic."

Hamel said the average duration of someone being sick enough to be admitted to the hospital and dying is several days, sometimes as long as a week or two. He did say there are some outliers, such as people who are hospitalized for a month and on a ventilator that whole time.

The virus continues to affect older people and those with chronic medical conditions disproportionately. Britten said the gap in racial disparity also is still there, but it is closing.

Hamel said, if you're less than 30 years old, your chance of getting COVID is about the same as everybody else, but your chance of dying from it is near zero.

If you're between 30 and 60, your chance of getting COVID is about the same, but your chance of dying starts to be measurable, about 1 in 1,000 or 3 in 1,000, depending on where you are in that age range.

When you get over 60, and particularly close to 80, your chance of dying from COVID goes up to close to 10-11 percent – "which is just substantial," Hamel said.

"We're going to get through this together, but if we fight that instead of agree on that, it's going to produce much more suffering, and sadly, many more deaths."

DR. LOREN HAMEL
President of Spectrum Health Lakeland

Britten said much of the transmission of the virus over the last six weeks has been household spread, and mostly asymptomatic – those with only mild symptoms.

"Usually when one member of the household becomes infected, it's very likely other members of the household will become infected," she said.

Last week the BCHD, overwhelmed with the amount of cases that called for contact tracing, started prioritizing certain cases and leaving the rest to take "personal responsibility" when they are exposed.

Britten said once a community reaches such a high level of spread, it's not as important to keep track of how and where the virus is spreading.

"When you're almost as likely to get it in any interaction with another person, having that information isn't about finding a specific outbreak or cluster based on a specific location, it's more about how do we minimize risk all the way around," Britten said.

The three best things to do to minimize risk remain using face coverings, social distancing and hand washing.

"The virus will go as long as there's a warm body that's susceptible and does not have that immunity naturally or through vaccination," Britten said.

Only about 3.3 percent of Berrien County's population is considered, at this juncture, as a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19. Many more people would have to get sick, and die, before natural herd immunity is reached.

Where do we go from here?

Britten and Hamel both support the new restrictions put in place by the state this week.

"We know that the data supports avoiding gatherings and minimizing contacts between people," Britten said. "A public health approach to that is to try to make it so those things that are risky are a little bit more difficult to do."

Hamel said the risk of transmission is smaller if you remain socially distant, cover your nose and mouth with a mask, and keep your hands sanitized.

"We've seen that in our own health care workers who we know are exposed to COVID-positive patients. It's about less of what you can and can't do in business and in school, or if you can be as diligent as possible in distancing, masking and sanitizing," he said.

Britten said it's very easy to think we have two options – shut everything down or open everything up.

"There is a lot of space in between those two lines of thinking," she said. "If we can get the right mix, and continue to have some amount of collective agreement and collective action, we'll be able to slow things enough to buy us more time for vaccine development, distribution and administration. And we'll also be able to see improvements in therapeutics."

Hamel said in such a polarized world, we have to find common ground on this topic. He suggested thinking about it in terms of asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic people – like we did in the spring.

"If you fully recognize the role of asymptomatic transmission and recognize that you could be that person to give it away, or gets it then gives it away – it's worth wearing that mask. It's worth maintaining that distance and it's worth keeping my hands immaculately clean," Hamel said. "We're going to get through this together, but if we fight that instead of agree on that, it's going to produce much more suffering, and sadly, many more deaths."

Britten said she has lived in this community for 11 years now and it is clear that the community values life.

"As the pandemic continues to pull back the veil and show who our true selves are, and what we really truly believe and care about, I think we need to continue to lean into those values that were demonstrated to me as a transplant to this community – that we really do care about each other," she said. "We can act today in shaping how we want our communities to continue to be, and what we want them to look like on the other side of this challenge."

Hamel said the more we can come together to fight the pandemic, the sooner it will pass, the fewer of us will get sick and the fewer of us will die.

"That's my motivation, and I would just ask the community: Let's hang together. Let's hang tough. Let's help each other. We will get through this and if we do it well, we will save lives," he said.

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Upton, Wendzel say Biden won the election

Upton to CNN: 'I think it's all said and done'

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

UPTON

WENDZEL

It's been almost three weeks since the Nov. 3 election and some people are still debating it.

While some have accepted the results, others have gone to exhaustive measures to cast doubt over the presidential election – including what happened in Michigan.

Some Republicans have claimed accounts of voter fraud through affidavits, lawsuits and a legislative inquiry – though no one has uncovered any evidence of widespread fraud.

But here in Southwest Michigan, two GOP lawmakers have gone on record acknowledging that Democrat Joe Biden won the election, including in Michigan, where Trump lost by more than 155,000 votes.

State Rep. Pauline Wendzel, R-Watervliet, who was re-elected to represent the 79th District, said she doesn't question the final results.

"As someone who has worked our elections for the last 10 years, I know how hard all of our clerks have worked to ensure we had a smooth, safe and fair election," Wendzel said in a statement. "I also know that we have a robust system of checks and balances to ensure that fraud is caught, the count is right, and the final results are results that Michiganders can trust."

CNN Correspondent Manu Raju tweeted Thursday that U.S. Rep. Fred Upton told him that it was time for Trump to concede the election.

Upton told Raju that there is no evidence to support widespread voter fraud allegations that would change the outcome in Michigan.

"No one has seen any real identification of any real fraud," Upton said, referencing Detroit. Asked if Trump should concede, Upton said: "Yeah. I think it's all said and done."

When The Herald-Palladium sought further comment, Upton's representatives sent his Nov. 7 statement that was made public shortly after The Associated Press and other media outlets called the race for Biden.

"The votes have been counted, the American people have spoken, and they chose Joe Biden to serve as our next president," Upton's statement read. "We have to find a way to come together, bridge divisions, and focus on solutions that help the millions who are struggling. I am raising my hand and committing to working with President-elect Biden and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in Congress to do exactly that. As Frederick Douglass said, 'I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong.'"

Upton, R-St. Joseph, was among the first U.S. House Republicans to acknowledge Biden as the 46th president.

State Sen. Kim LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township, and state Rep. Brad Paquette, R-Niles, did not respond to phone messages or emails this week from The HP seeking comment.

However, Paquette did post a cryptic sentence on his Facebook page on Nov. 14 – one week after Biden was declared the winner by various media.

"Politicians are only granted power by the citizens that lend it to them for a time," Paquette's post read.

In his efforts to overturn the results, Trump has in part zeroed in on Michigan, which set a record with a turnout of 5.5 million voters in the general election.

On Friday Trump met with the two leaders of Michigan's House and Senate ahead of the state canvassing board meeting scheduled for Monday, where the election results are expected to be certified.

Wendzel said the president is within his rights to request a recount, if his campaign chooses.

"Michiganders deserve to have the peace of mind that our elections are smooth and fair," Wendzel said. "At the end of the day, while we may not like the final results at the top of the ticket, I have complete confidence the election will be fair."

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Andy Vescolani wears a mask as he wraps a customer's purchase Friday at The Toy Company in downtown St. Joseph. Vescolani says he and his staff are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and shoppers from COVID-19 during this holiday season.

Shop 'til you drop

Small businesses, big-box stores prep for busy time of year

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Signs have been placed throughout downtown St. Joseph encouraging the public to wear masks, wash their hands and practice social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 this holiday shopping season.

Andy Vescolani has been busy packing the shelves at The Toy Company this week.

As owner of the St. Joseph toy store, Vescolani is ready for the holiday shopping season, though the ongoing pandemic is certainly on his mind.

"We're loading up on stuff, but we're also in the middle of a pandemic so that comes with problems with distribution," he said. "We've experienced everything with the shutdown restrictions. When the restaurants aren't able to operate, it impacts all the retailers around them."

Part of his preparation has been making sure his store is sanitized.

"Throughout all of this, we've been huge on sanitizing everything," Vescolani said. "Down to the door handles, the screens and anything people touch. We took down our demos so we weren't inviting kids and adults to be touching the same things. Other than that, we're just preparing to serve the community the best we can."

Holiday shoppers seeking great buys will find them throughout Southwest Michigan through next week as select merchants will begin their holiday sales on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday – Nov. 27 and 28, respectively.

"You will easily find gifts for everyone on your holiday shopping list from our merchants, restaurants and entertainment venues," said Amy Zapal, executive director of St. Joseph Today. "From the latest fashions to locally made wines and candies, to gourmet foods, to award-winning toys and games to museum memberships to fresh-baked pet biscuits, you won't be disappointed with all of your choices."

Despite the pandemic, so far St. Joseph Today and the city are moving forward with several of its regular events.

On Dec. 4, the city's Light up the Bluff will turn Lake Bluff Park into a winter wonderland, featuring 1 million holiday lights.

From Dec. 4-10, Window Wonderland will return as participating businesses hold a holiday window decorating contest.

This is different from the popular live mannequin event, March Mannequins, which is scheduled for March 12.

Letters to Santa will take the place of the traditional Santa visits in downtown St. Joseph. Santa's House will still be located outside the Welcome Center. However, Santa's House will be available only as a drop-off location for letters to Santa.

Zapal said they are remaining proactive in keeping the coronavirus at bay. The organization has posted signs throughout downtown in an effort to remind people of the precautions.

"We are about keeping everyone safe," Zapal said. "We are asking that everyone mask up, social distance, and respect businesses limiting how many people are in their store at one time."

Meijer's approach to Black Friday

As Southwest Michigan prepares for an unusual holiday season, Meijer is encouraging customers to shop in whatever way fits their lives.

Meijer is offering delivery services and free Meijer Pickup on orders over $50 on meijer.com, as well as free pickup on all items from the Meijer Toy Book. The retailer is adding more available time slots for Meijer Pickup so customers can get what they need when they need it.

"This holiday season will be different for many customers, so we are pleased to make adjustments that will provide additional flexibility, while allowing them to enjoy all we have to offer," Meijer President and CEO Rick Keyes said in a news release. "Regardless of how customers choose to shop, we will provide a clean, socially distanced and enjoyable shopping experience."

Meijer locations are rolling out new hand sanitizer stations in each store over the course of the holiday season, so customers can keep hands and carts sanitized.

Each store will install eight stations near high-traffic travel paths, including entryways, pharmacies, produce areas and check lanes. The stations will be in all stores by mid-December.

Stores are extending all promotions, including Black Friday deals and Santa Bucks offers, to last for a week.

Now, Black Friday deals will run all week, from this Sunday through Nov. 28. Santa Bucks offers will be available for two weeks, from Nov. 29 through Dec. 5 and Dec. 13-19.

Meijer will continue its special shopping hours for essential workers from 6-8 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and for senior citizens and customers with chronic health conditions from 6-8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Supercenters will be open from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 26, as the retailer expects Thanksgiving Day to be one of the busiest grocery shopping days of the year.

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Krasl Art Center pushes back Members' Show exhibition

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The Krasl Art Center announced Friday that it's making adjusts to its exhibition schedule, including pushing back its annual Members' Show exhibit.

The Krasl is closed to the public during this latest shutdown – except for visits by appointment – so the current exhibits will be extended. "Artists as Influencers: Pathways in Glass" and "Shelter-in-Place" will remain on view through Jan. 24.

"2020 Members' Show: Inspired By ..." now will open on Jan. 30, instead of Dec. 4, and will remain on display through March 28.

"Inspired By ..." will showcase the work of Krasl member artists, and the people, places and objects that have influenced their work.

Member artists are invited to display one artwork created within the past two years that addresses the theme. All media will be accepted, and artists of every skill set are encouraged to submit works for this annual celebration of local talent.

Artwork can be dropped off from Jan. 22-25. More details will be posted online at krasl.org.

Works by local artist, Krasl member, teacher and ceramic studio manager Jennifer Zona will be featured in the artlab gallery from Jan. 30 to March 28.

See more of her artwork online at cargocollective.com/Zona.

A new Art & Wellness Pop-Up will be piloted in Krasl's community lounge when it reopens. It will move to Benton Harbor Public Library in January.

The project is the result of a partnership between Krasl and Spectrum Health Lakeland's Population Health Department. The kiosk-like pop-up is based on the Trauma Resource Institute's community resilience model.

Visitors can increase their understanding of mental health, understand the concept of resilience, and participate in engaging, arts-based activities that provide opportunities to practice and build resiliency skills.

For more information, or to schedule a visit, call 983-0271 or email curatorial@krasl.org.

Judge declines to halt new indoor dining ban

By ED WHITE and DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

DETROIT — A judge on Friday declined to halt a three-week ban on indoor dining in Michigan that is one of the most recent coronavirus restrictions imposed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration.

The state health department, meanwhile, reported a new daily high of confirmed COVID-19 cases, 9,779, and 53 additional deaths as the virus continued to spike.

In his ruling, U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney in Kalamazoo said a restraining order halting the indoor dining ban wouldn't be appropriate, especially when the state hasn't had a chance to respond to the lawsuit.

The Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association, which has thousands of members, is suing to try to stop the indoor dining ban that began Wednesday. The group said restaurants can take further steps to reduce coronavirus risk without cutting off customers.

The group said its members were being unfairly treated compared to other businesses. The judge, however, wasn't swayed.

"Individuals who patronize the businesses that remain open can do so – and must do so – while wearing a face covering. ... In contrast, individuals cannot eat or drink while wearing a mask," Maloney said.

Maloney scheduled the next hearing for Nov. 30, nearly two weeks into the three-week ban.

Association president Justin Winslow said the denial of a restraining order means "several more restaurant workers will be losing their jobs in the coming days as restaurants remain closed."

In-person classes at high schools and colleges are also prohibited for three weeks, and casinos, theaters and exercise classes are closed.

"If all of us mask up and avoid indoor gatherings, we will not only save thousands of lives and protect our front-line health workers, but we'll also be able to enjoy indoor restaurant dining without fear," health department Director Robert Gordon said.

Michigan's seven-day case average stood at 7,408, which is more than four times what it was a month ago. The seven-day average of deaths, 76, has tripled in just two weeks. Hospitals continue to admit more COVID-19 patients amid the surge.

OBITUARIES

Mark S. Bowman

June 21, 1956 – Nov. 13, 2020

Mark S. Bowman, 64, of Choteau, Mont., died at home on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, of complications from pancreatic cancer.

Though he lived many places, his birthplace of Grinnell, Iowa, was always home. There he attended school through college before going off to the University of Michigan Law School. His law career led him to St. Joseph, where he would serve as city attorney for many years. Well liked and deeply respected by all who knew him for his professional acumen, sense of humor and kindness, he remained in St. Joseph for 25 years. When he quit law he took a position at Dartmouth College in human resources. He would work at Dartmouth and the University of Virginia for 10 years before his cancer diagnosis.

Faced with a shortened life, Mark made a bold decision. He moved to Montana, marrying his longtime companion in a lovely ceremony on Swiftcurrent Lake in Glacier National Park. Together they had many outdoor adventures, from biking to hiking and backpacking in the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

He was a lifelong athlete, playing football and running track through high school and college. He had a stint as a camp counselor that changed his life and brought enduring friendships. He competed in many triathlons, more than 20 Chicago to Mackinac sailing races and one marathon; he maintained a long winning streak on the New York Times crossword puzzle with an average solve time of 13 minutes.

But it was his unique manner of speaking and outlook on life that made him so memorable. "Bye for now" ended phone conversations; "strength and honor" was a creed he lived by; "bite the toad" was how he approached a difficult task. He liked to send birthday cards to everyone he knew because "it guarantees that for at least 4 seconds each year that person has to think of me."

It wasn't the cards that kept him in mind. He was the most loyal of friends, maintaining friendships over many decades and even more miles. He was smart, funny, unassuming, kind, and a Star Trek devotee.

Among his final goals were to attend daughter Christine's wedding in July, to take a bike trip with two of his brothers in September, and to outlive Alex Trebek. He managed to achieve all three.

He is survived by wife, Lisa Hudnutt, of Choteau; daughters: Elizabeth of Boulder, Colo., and Dr. Christine (Steve McDonald) of Chicago; mother, Dorothy Anne Bowman of Grinnell, Iowa; siblings: Chris (Joan) of Urbandale, Iowa, John (Terry) of Westlake Village, Calif., Kathy Moser of Grinnell, Iowa, Theresa (Dan) Schumann of Wauwatosa, Wis., Rick of Las Vegas, and Janet (Joe) Tegtmeier of Madison, Wis.

He is predeceased by his father, Glenn F. Bowman.

Memorials in his name may be made to the St. Joseph Junior Foundation, PO Box 585, St. Joseph, MI 49085, an organization dedicated to teaching sailing and water safety skills to all levels of learners.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. (MT), Saturday, Nov. 28. Due to COVID-19 we will not have an in-person gathering at this time.

Instead, friends and family are asked to honor Mark each in your own way and share a photo or a memory of how you celebrated at this link: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1x41FDHew4VGI3yoeZXCt6PHrxn4hvH_v2PceWV14dF4/edit?usp=sharing

Since we can't be together in space we can at least be together in time to send this man off into the universe to "live long and prosper."

Beatrice Akiko Takeuchi

May 6, 1921 – Nov. 11, 2020

Beatrice Akiko Takeuchi passed away peacefully at Hanson Hospice Care Center, Stevensville.

She was a resident of Harbert for the past 28 years, and formerly of Hyde Park, Chicago, New York City and Washington D.C.

She was the daughter of Kojiro Takeuchi, publisher of The Great Northern Daily News in Seattle, and Koto Masuda. Also, she was a sister of Richard, and Austin, deceased, and Arthur Takeuchi of Chicago.

Beatrice was interned during World War II at Camp Harmony in Pallayup, Wash., and Minidoka in Idaho, which was a devastating experience in her life. After a campaign of lobbying, letter writing and support from her teachers, she was allowed to leave the camp early to attend The New Bauhaus School in Chicago, where she studied with Laszlo Maholy-Nagy.

She left school early to work in the Housing Office in Washington D.C., providing housing for returning veterans. She later attended the Institute of Design at the Illinois Institute of Technology to complete her studies and taught interior design at the Art Institute of Chicago until 1991. She also worked as interior designer with her brother, architect Arthur S. Takeuchi. Most recently at the age of 97, with great clarity, she was interviewed in the documentary film "The New Bauhaus."

Beatrice, a creative, intellectual and highly opinionated woman, enjoyed reading, music, bird watching, writing, travel and spending time with her family and friends. She also enjoyed observing nature from the floor to ceiling windows of her Miesian home in Harbert.

She leaves behind her children: Michael Takeo Aaron, and his wife, Mary; and Peter Eugene Aaron and his wife, Leslie – sons with husband David Aaron (divorced 1969). She also leaves behind three grandchildren: Nicole, Sean and Jeffrey. She will be deeply missed.

A memorial service is TBD.

Death notices

Mark Bowman, 64, of Choteau, Mont., died Nov. 13, 2020. Gorder-Jensen Funeral Home, Choteau, Mont.

Tyler Allen Harding, 31, of Baroda died Nov. 19, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

James Kay, 69, of Decatur, formerly of Benton Harbor died Nov. 12, 2020. Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-6347.

Regis Kniebes, 83, of Coloma died Nov. 18, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Donald Lachman, 70, of South Haven died Nov. 19, 2020. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Janice Fay Bass McAlpine, 84, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 14, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Edward W. Pfannenschmidt, 72, of Niles died Nov. 20, 2020, at his home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

James R. Raymer, 65, of Elk Grove, Ill., died Nov. 18, 2020, at the Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove. Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Township, 926-7222.

Tre'Vonn Kentrell Richmond, 17, of Benton Harbor died Oct. 30, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

James "Jim" L. Siebenmark, 81, of St. Joseph died Nov. 14, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Betty Jane Strzyzykowski, 91, of St. Joseph died Nov. 19, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Beatrice Akiko Takeuchi, 99, of Harbert died Nov. 11, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Eleanor Jean Tollas, 88, of Baroda died Nov. 18, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Robert J. Diehl

Jan. 17, 1927 – Nov. 16, 2020

Robert J. Diehl, 93, formerly of New Troy passed away Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Private burial will take place at New Troy Cemetery in New Troy. A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date.

Memorial donations in Bob's name may be made to St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center or the Baroda American Legion. Those wishing to sign Bob's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Bob was born Jan. 17, 1927, in Emmettsburg, Iowa to Daniel and Mary (Beck) Diehl Sr. He graduated from Cassopolis High School after serving his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

On Dec. 6, 1947, he married the former Norma Payne.

Bob owned and operated Bob's Barber Shop in New Troy for 30 years before starting his second career as a machinist at F.P Rosback Co. in St. Joseph, where he worked for several years.

As a younger man, Bob was active in competitive skeet shooting. He enjoyed traveling with his wife to Alaska, boating, fishing, camping, and playing Euchre at the St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center. Bob was a member of the Baroda American Legion, and formerly of the New Troy American Legion.

Bob is survived by two daughters: Vickie (Michael) Hamilton of St. Joseph, and Roberta Case of Sister Lakes; two grandchildren: Janice (Jason) Shei, Jay (Amanda) Case; five great-grandchildren: Sidney, Sara, A.J., Scott and Staci; sister-in-law, Sherin Diehl; and a special niece, Ollie (Leroy) Rosenthal of Three Oaks.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Norma, on Jan. 15, 2013; his daughter, Cathryn Diehl, on Nov. 4, 2003; son-in-law, H. James Case; and by siblings: Mary Kay Westgate, Daniel Diehl Jr. and James Diehl.

James R. Kay

Jan. 16, 1951 – Nov. 12, 2020

James R. Kay, 69, of Decatur, formerly of Benton Harbor, died unexpectedly Nov. 12, 2020, at his home.

Jim was born Jan. 16, 1951, to Robert F. and Virginia (Null) Kay in Benton Harbor. He attended Benton Harbor schools, graduating from Benton Harbor High School in 1969. While attending BHHS, Jim was a member of the golf team and the Benton Harbor band. He was particularly proud of his participation in the marching band, becoming drum major his senior year. After graduating from BHHS, Jim attended Michigan State University.

He returned to Benton Harbor in the early 1970s to work with his father in real estate and was a broker and appraiser. He also officiated several sports primarily baseball and football.

On Nov. 14, 1981, Jim married Deborah Fitch in Benton Harbor. They remained in Benton Harbor until moving to Decatur in 1997 so Jim could pursue farming. That remained his vocation until his retirement in 2013. He will always be remembered as an avid golfer, a stalwart Spartans fan and a lover of nature; particularly bird watching and gardening.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia Kay, in December 1975, and his father, Robert Kay, in February 1997.

Jim is survived by his wife, Deborah, of Decatur; his sister, Patricia Kay of East Lansing; his nephew, Jamie (Chesshire) Rodgers of Lansing; his niece, Jennifer Flores of Lansing; great-nephew, Dillon Rodgers of East Lansing; and great-nieces: Desaree' Flores of Lansing, and Brianna Flores of Lansing. Additional survivors are sister-in-law, Wendy (Tom) Myers, of Battle Creek;, Wendy's son, Antonio (Bethany) Barroso of Marshall, Mich.; brother-in-law, Mark Fitch of Gilbert, Ariz.; Mark's daughter's family, Jessica (Jeremy) Hackworth and children: Vincent, Matthew and Isaac Hackworth of Marshall.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial celebration will be scheduled for a future date as circumstances allow. Remembrance donations can be made to your local Humane Society.

Share a memory or sign the online tribute wall at: www.adamspawpaw.com.

James Siebenmark

Jan. 22, 1939 – Nov. 14, 2020

James "Jim" L. Siebenmark, 81, of St. Joseph passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the celebration of life service will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the City of St. Joseph Dept. of Public Safety, 700 Broad St., St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Jim was born on Jan. 22, 1939, in New Buffalo to Fred W. and Della (Hamann) Siebenmark. He graduated from New Buffalo High School in 1957.

After graduating, Jim proudly served our country by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps.

On May 26, 1961, Jim married the love of his life, Betty Beck, in New Buffalo. They were happily married for nearly 59 years before she passed away earlier this year.

Once his military duty was completed, Jim began his career as a police officer. He worked for the Berrien County Sherriff's Dept. for two years, followed by 25 years for the City of St. Joseph Public Safety Dept., and another 10 years as a Berrien County Court Officer before retiring. He was a member of The F.O.P. #96 and Three Oaks Masonic Lodge #239.

Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding his bike, and taking walks around town. He also liked watching Western movies and reading, especially about military history. What Jim loved the most, however, was spending time with his grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his children; Susan (Ed) Johnson of Cincinnati, and Michael (Kevin West) Siebenmark of Kalamazoo; grandchildren: Nicholas (Sarah), Alexander, Jack and Ellie Johnson; and many nieces, and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents: Fred and Della; loving wife, Betty; and siblings: Ray, Dale, and Gene Siebenmark, and Carol Fellows.

Betty Jane Strzyzykowski

Feb. 14, 1929 – Nov. 19, 2020

Betty Jane Strzyzykowski, 91, of St. Joseph passed away peacefully in her home on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, surrounded by family and angels.

The family will receive guests from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, processing to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 220 Church St., St. Joseph for Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery, Benton Harbor.

Memorial contributions may be given to Lake Michigan Catholic Schools or Birthright of St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave a condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-mechinger.com.

Betty was born on Feb. 14, 1929, in Chicago to Grover and Ethel Gaa. Betty attended business college and worked at Sears in Chicago. A consummate homemaker and devoted mother of 11, she treasured her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a way of making everyone feel like they were the only person, even in a full room.

Betty was a devoted Catholic, prayed the Rosary daily with her daughter, Marge, and attended Mass regularly. Her life was a testament to her deep faith, from which she projected acceptance, love and kindness.

She took great pride working for Edisan Shoe Store in St. Joseph for many years and served as president of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. For many years, up to her passing, she enjoyed bowling, casinos, TV game shows, tinkering with her many electronics, and playing games to challenge herself and keep her mind sharp.

Betty is survived by seven sons: Joseph (Laura), Stanley (Carolyn), Thomas (Barbara), Patrick (Tammy), Tim (Sandy), Jim (Carrie), and David (Margie); four daughters: Margaret Krawczewicz, Ann (Eleazar) Marquez, Susan (Thomas) Holland, Victoria (Christopher) Haack; over 100 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a granddaughter, who had a special relationship with Betty and Joseph, April (Scott) Thomas.

Betty was preceded by her husband of 65 years, Joseph; and grandson, Brian.

Betty's most fervent wish was peace for everyone and sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" nightly. She loved her family in which she instilled strong values that have served them well. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Janice Fay McAlpine

July 21, 1936 – Nov. 14, 2020

Janice Fay Bass McAlpine, 84, passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman Nursing Center, Bridgman.

Janice was born and raised in Benton Harbor, graduating from Benton Harbor High School in 1954 and with honors from Lake Michigan College with an associate's degree in dietary science. She also attended Kalamazoo College and worked at Heath Co., and C&T Cleaners.

Janice was a cosmopolitan and educated woman living in New York City and Los Angeles and was married to Robert McAlpine of Wichita, Kan., for six years.

She also lived in Gardena, Calif., working as a receptionist and in a dental lab in Los Angeles. She returned to Benton Harbor and was a member of the Dial-A-Ride and Inter Care board of directors. She spent her remaining days in Hallmark and West Woods of Bridgman nursing homes. There will be no funeral or memorial, per her wishes.

Preceded in death by her parents: Floyd E. Bass and Marie Lena Bass; her brother, Floyd "Hige" Bass; and nephew, Jason E Bass.

Survived by sister, Joyce Edwards; brother, Mark Bass; and many nephews, nieces, and great-nephews and nieces. Special thanks to niece, Karla Bass; nephew, Jeremy Edwards; and Carolyn Turner Meyers for their support.

Janice was a kind compassionate and beautiful soul, always remembering birthdays and keeping in touch with all family. She will be remembered and she will be missed.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Donald Lachman

Dec. 4, 1949 – Nov. 19, 2020

Donald Lachman, 70, of South Haven passed away Nov. 19, 2020, at South Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community. Arrangements have been entrusted to Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence for Donald may do so at www.purelycremations.org.

Donald was born on Dec. 4, 1949, in Benton Harbor to Edgar and Barbara (Tibbs) Lachman. Donald worked as an auto mechanic for many years and finished his career as a carpenter for home remodeling.

Donald is survived by his sons: David (Dawn) Lachman of Kalamazoo, and Eric (Susanne) Lachman of Benton Harbor; brother, Ken Lachman; and grandchildren: Morgan, Benjamin and Joshua Lachman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers: Larry and Steve Lachman.

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Tre'Vonn Kentrell Richmond

Sept. 21, 2003 – Oct. 30, 2020

Tre'Vonn Kentrell Richmond, 17, of Benton Harbor departed this life Oct. 30, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A service celebrating his life will be held Nov. 23, at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Tre'Vonn was born Sept. 21, 2003, to Anjanette Richmond and Rodney Johnson. He attended Bridge Academy, Benton Harbor, and was looking forward to graduating in 2022.

He frequently attended Grace Christian Center with his special aunt/cousin, Barbara. Tre'Vonn shared a great love for wrestling, playing football, video games and playing with his dog "Church." He will be remembered for his love of life, laughter, passion, dedication and fun-loving ways, especially by his family and friends. Those who knew Tre'Vonn have lost a shinning light in their lives.

Tre'Vonn will be missed every day by his mother, Anjanette Richmond; father, Rodney Johnson; stepfather, Kenneth Coburn; sisters: Rodeisha Johnson and Shy'niquia Johnson; maternal grandparents: Pamela (Earl) Head; great-grandfather, Willis Richmond; paternal grandmother, Gwen Caugn; friend, Jonnieashah Bonds; special cousin, Tyisha Jenkins; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, family and friends.

Regis Kniebes

July 15, 1937 – Nov. 18, 2020

Regis was born July 15, 1937, in Coloma.

He grew up in Watervliet where he graduated high school in 1955. After high school he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in the military police division.

Upon returning home Regis went to work for 30 years in the lab at the Watervliet Paper Mill. After the mill closed Regis owned the General Store in Coloma for many years, and also built Kwicki Car Wash in Coloma. His favorite hobby was cars; he enjoyed buying all different kinds. Regis was also an active member of his church, Latter Day Saints in St. Joseph.

Regis leaves behind a loving family to cherish his memory which includes four stepchildren: Debra (Carl) Scholl, Susan (James) Lynch, Steven (Tina) Botos, and Kathleen (Eric) Carleton; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three sisters: Karen (Jerry) Rosenbaum, Diana (BJ) Dressler, and Linda (Larry) Stege; and many nieces and nephews.

Regis died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

His loving wife of 27 years, Mary Kniebes; dad, Lowell Kniebes; and mom, Eleanor (Peters) Burnsworth, precede Regis in death.

Friends may visit with Regis' family from 11 a.m. to noon, Monday, Nov. 23, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. A graveside service will follow visitation at 1 p.m. at North Shore Memory Gardens.

You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Regis' family at hutchins funeral.com.

Tyler Allen Harding

June 8, 1989 – Nov. 19, 2020

Tyler Allen Harding, 31, of Baroda passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020.

Friends may meet the family from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman. A private family service will follow with the Rev. Christopher Peddie officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given for the benefit of Tyler's son, Wesley, who is expected to arrive in May of 2021. A direct link for the memorial contributions and online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Tyler was born June 8, 1989, in St. Joseph, the son of Jane (Mike) McDowell and J. Allen Harding. He was a 2008 graduate of St. Joseph High School and worked as a security officer for the past nine years at the DC Cook Nuclear Power Plant.

Alexis Marie Zelmer was the love of his life, and they were married Aug. 29, 2020.

Tyler loved riding his Harley Davidson Street Glide "Dahlia," hunting, and attending music concerts with Lexi and friends.

Survivors include his beloved wife: Lexi; his son, Wesley, to arrive in May 2021; his K-9 and feline companions: Chevy, Benson and Karma; mother, Jane (Mike) McDowell; father, Allen Harding; sister, Mariko (Matt) Moersch, and their son, Milo; half brother, Chase Galvan; grandparents: Joseph and Patricia Harding, and Bruce Needham; Alexis' mother, Cindy Clayton; her father, John Zelmer; her sister, Kerri Zelmer, and Tyler's work family at the DC Cook plant.

He was a faithful friend and a hard worker, and will be missed but not forgotten by those that knew and loved him.

Tyler was preceded in death by his grandmothers: Midori Needham and Kathryn Lucker Holaday, and his brother-in-law, Joshua Martin.

Eleanor Jean Tollas

May 7, 1932 – Nov. 18, 2020

Eleanor Jean Tollas, 88, of Baroda passed away Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Stevensville.

A family graveside service was held at Ruggles Cemetery, Baroda, and a public gathering of family and friends will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2021, at the Vern and Eleanor Tollas Farm.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion United Church of Christ, PO Box 10, Baroda, MI 49101. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Eleanor was born May 7, 1932, in Sawyer, the daughter of the late Edward and Dorothy (Krieger) Woodrick.

She married Vern Franklin Tollas on Nov. 8, 1952, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 2013. Eleanor was a graduate of New Troy High School. Vern and Eleanor were faithful members of Zion United Church of Christ in Baroda.

Survivors include her children: Jan Tollas McCuistion, Neil (Janet Moore) Tollas, Jerry (Julie) Tollas, Nancy Baer, Karen (Wayne) Hall, Steve (Amy) Tollas; grandchildren: Kate and Amalia Tollas, Shahla Powell (Robert) Torres, Jeremy (Amanda) Tollas, Mary Sue (Max) Scholten, Jaclyn Tollas, Emily Baer and Janell Tollas; great grandchildren: Adalyn, Annabelle, Elaina, Ella, Hazel Rae and Julianna.

Eleanor was preceded in death by two brothers: Edward and Robert Woodrick.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Pfizer, BioNTech seek emergency use of COVID-19 shots in U.S.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

Pfizer formally asked U.S. regulators Friday to allow emergency use of its COVID-19 vaccine, starting the clock on a process that could bring limited first shots as early as next month and eventually an end to the pandemic – but not until after a long, hard winter.

The action comes days after Pfizer Inc. and its German partner BioNTech announced that its vaccine appears 95 percent effective at preventing mild to severe COVID-19 disease in a large, ongoing study.

The companies said that protection plus a good safety record means the vaccine should qualify for emergency use authorization, something the Food and Drug Administration can grant before the final testing is fully complete. In addition to the FDA submission, they have already started "rolling" applications in Europe and the U.K. and intend to submit similar information soon.

With the coronavirus surging around the U.S. and the world, the pressure is on for regulators to make a speedy decision.

"Help is on the way," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease expert said on the eve of Pfizer's announcement, adding that it's too early to abandon masks and other protective measures. "We need to actually double down on the public health measures as we're waiting for that help to come."

Friday's filing sets off a chain of events as the FDA and its independent advisers debate if the shots are ready. If so, still another government group will have to decide how the initial limited supplies are rationed out to anxiously awaiting Americans.

How much vaccine is available and when is a moving target, but initial supplies will be scarce and rationed. Globally, Pfizer has estimated it could have 50 million doses available by year's end.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds 12 ounces, Abby Nicole Blevins and Tommie Samuel Turney, 5:07 p.m. Nov. 17.

Galien – Boy, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, Nicole Harrison and Joe Forler, 8:38 a.m. Nov. 10.

Niles – Girl, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, Mika Bailey McPherson and Joshua Lee Johns, 1:53 a.m. Nov. 18.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Eau Claire – 9 pounds, 2 ounces, Kylie Reynolds, 7:19 p.m. Nov. 15.

Watervliet – 8 pounds, 4 ounces, Amanda and Eloyd S. Long II, 4:55 a.m. Nov. 6.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH – The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Ericka Alessandra Benavides and Alexander Joffrey Poole both of Berrien Springs.

Tracy Lynn Corzine and Chad Edward Hill both of St. Joseph.

Keltsey Rae Dykstra and John Richard La Plante Jr., both of Coloma.

Tunnisha Rishea Harris and Charles Edward Haynes both of Benton Harbor.

Barbara Jean Voss and John Rex Gosling both of St. Joseph.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Fifth-graders at Sterne Brunson Elementary School in Benton Harbor offered their opinions on current events Friday as they gathered around the bulletin board waiting for Leslie Gaines and Latoria Young to staple their newspaper clippings to the board. The Benton Harbor fifth-graders are among 300 students in grades 3-5 at Sterne Brunson and Hull elementary schools who are participating in Project Tiger this year. The project's goal is to improve literacy and help students develop lifelong learning skills.

1985 – 35 years ago

Those who were fond of St. Joseph's old two-toned fog horn sounding over Lake Michigan now have a chance to hear those low-pitched mournful notes once again. Elowyn Ann Keech of St. Joseph made a tape recording of the fog horn from her living room window in the spring of 1970. A local recording company, K.P. Recording, made a master from that tape and now the public can buy 22-minute cassette tapes of the fog horn from Ms. Keech's company, Fog Horn Records & Tapes. The fog horn was established on St. Joseph's North Pier in 1934.

1970 – 50 years ago

Bloomingdale Elementary School teachers have offered to hold after-school sessions once a week for three or four weeks to help parents learn modern math. In a letter sent home with students, Bill Harris, fifth grade teacher, said, "The purpose was to help the parent so they might help their youngsters. We must work together to provide your child through this difficult, and often frustrating, period."

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Nov. 21, the 326th day of 2020. There are 40 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Nov. 21, 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On this date:

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton, a Georgia Democrat, was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate; her term, the result of an interim appointment, ended the following day as Walter F. George, the winner of a special election, took office.

In 1931, the Universal horror film "Frankenstein," starring Boris Karloff as the monster and Colin Clive as his creator, was first released.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Air Quality Act.

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, 55-45, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18½-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1979, a mob attacked the U-S Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing two Americans.

In 1992, a three-day tornado outbreak that struck 13 states began in the Houston area before spreading to the Midwest and eastern U.S.; 26 people were killed.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible	Scattered Rain	Partly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible	Scattered Rain
42°	32°	44° / 34°	42° / 30°	47° / 37°	49° / 39°

Local Outlook

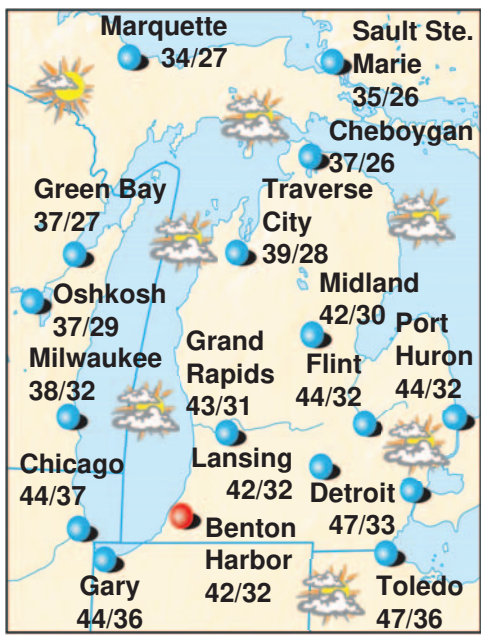
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 42°, humidity of 59%. West wind 2 to 9 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 32°. Light winds.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:43 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:19 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 1:44 p.m.
Moonset ..... 11:55 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
11/21	11/30	12/7	12/14

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	63°
Low	43°
Normal High	46°
Normal Low	31°
Record High	63° in 2003
Record Low	15° in 2014

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.88"
Normal for month	2.33"
Year to date	31.12"
Normal Year to date	34.33"

Air Quality

Yesterday 54
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

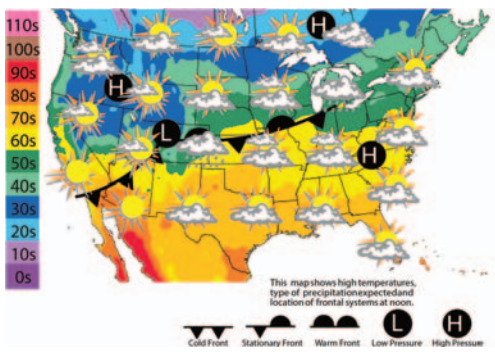
Weather Trivia

What is the rarest form of lightning?

Answer: It is known as ball lightning.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 21, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, N wind 5 to 8 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 49 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind 6 to 8 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 1 ft or less.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 6 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with widespread rain and snow, highs in the 30s and 40s. South southeast wind 2 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s. West wind 2 to 9 mph. Expect cloudy skies Sunday with scattered rain and showers, highs in the 30s and 40s. South southeast wind 3 to 6 mph.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Assault

Edell R. Gray III, 28, of Collins Avenue, Benton Harbor, 23 months to 10 years in prison, credit for 187 days served, $198 in costs and $450 in restitution for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, an assault on a main, April 30 in Benton Harbor.

Todd E. Merritt, 60, of Pipestone Street, Benton Harbor, two concurrent terms of 93 days in jail for assault or assault and battery and malicious destruction of a building less than $200, an assault on a man with a stick and breaking a door with a brick March 20 in Benton Harbor.

Navdeep Singh, 47, of Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $1,818 in fines and costs and 1 year probation for attempted assault with a dangerous weapon, an assault on a man with an iron pipe, Jan. 16 in Benton Township.

Breaking/entering

Michael W. Walls, 42, of Kalamazoo, 38 months to 10 years in prison, credit for 44 days served, and $300 in restitution for breaking and entering a building with intent, a church in Eau Claire, March 21.

Fleeing/resisting police

Brigitte Connie-Schweitz Hunsberger, 52, of South Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, and $485 in fines and costs for attempted assaulting/resisting and obstructing St. Joseph Police Officer Shnaildai Jean Sept. 19 in St. Joseph.

Conner D. Milliken, 26, of Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $958 in fines and costs, 90 days on SCRAM tether and 18 months probation for fourth-degree fleeing police July 18 in Benton Township.

Illegal use transaction device

Timothy W. McDaniel, 59, of Indian Lake Road, Dowagiac, 42 days in jail, credit for 42 days served, $1,698 in fines and costs, $1,400 in restitution and 18 months probation for illegal sale/use of a financial transaction device Aug. 10 in Bainbridge Township.

Judy A. Tarbutton, 39, of North M-140, Watervliet, two concurrent terms of 120 days in jail, credit for 43 days served, $266 in fines and costs and $366 in restitution for two counts of stealing/retaining without consent a financial transaction device, a stolen credit card, June 9 in Berrien County.

Unlawful use motor vehicle

Alondra A. Leonides, 22, of Grand Rapids, 4 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $1,308 in fines and costs and 1 year probation for unlawful use of a motor vehicle Nov. 19, 2019, in Benton Township.

Tampering with tether

Antonio La-Juan Washington, 38, of Waukonda Avenue, Benton Harbor, 150 days in jail and $198 in costs for tampering with an electronic device, a jail tether, Aug. 14, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

Melissa L. Hooks, 48, of Williamsburg, Va., 75 days in jail and $198 in costs for attempted tampering with an electronic device, a jail tether, Jan. 30 in Benton Harbor.

Weapons violation

Ernesto C. McKinney, 22, of Grand Rapids, 3 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $2,298 in fines and costs, 18 months probation and forfeiture of a semi-automatic pistol for carrying a concealed weapon in an automobile Sept. 4 in Benton Township.

August A. Bookout, 48, of East Euclid Avenue, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $658 in fines and costs and forfeiture of a semi-automatic pistol for possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle July 22 in St. Joseph.

Nikolis R. Lewis, 32, of Ogden Avenue, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $2,118 in fines and costs, 1 year probation and forfeiture of a handgun for carrying a concealed weapon in an automobile Aug. 23 in Sodus.

Drugs

Shawn L. Dodge, 51, of Boyer Road, Coloma, 47 days in jail, credit for 47 days served, $2,168 in fines and costs, 2 years probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, April 30 in Benton Township.

Damarco D. Scales, 26, of LaVette Street, Benton Harbor, 8 days in jail, credit for 8 days served, $2,238 in fines and costs, 60 days on tether and 18 months probation for attempted delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, marijuana, May 16 in Benton Harbor.

Justin Edward-Paul Syx, 31, of Magician Lake Road, Dowagiac, 75 days in jail, credit for 55 days served, $1,668 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, Aug. 22 in St. Joseph.

Niles

Armed robbery

Day-Shawn L. Smith, 22, of Crystal Court, Benton Harbor, 5-15 years in prison, credit for 426 days served, and $198 in costs for armed robbery Aug. 24, 2019, in Niles.

Drugs

Mark W. Coburn, 58, of Mishawaka, Ind., 60 days in jail, credit for 5 days served, $598 in fines and costs, 180 days on tether, 3 years probation and driver's license suspended for 180 days, restricted after 60 days, for delivery/manufacture of narcotics, less than 50 grams cocaine, second offense, between March 3 and March 9 in Berrien County.

April L. Groesser, 40, of Arbor Drive, Niles, 6-20 years in prison and $198 in costs for conspiracy to deliver/manufacture methamphetamine Oct. 10, 2019, in Niles.

Dianna L. Brugh, 71, of East Alexander Street, Buchanan, 4 days in jail, credit for 4 days served, $658 in fines and costs, 90 days on tether, 2 years probation and driver's license suspended for 180 days, restricted after 30 days, for delivery/manufacture of narcotics, less than 50 grams cocaine, between July 28 and August 27 in Buchanan.

John L. Jarman, 42, of North Fifth Street, Niles, 16 days in jail, credit for 16 days served, $658 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for receiving/concealing stolen property, a motor vehicle, July 14 in Niles.

Fraud

Paula M. Kryski, 37, of South Bend, Ind., 264 days in jail, credit for 264 days served, and $125 in costs for second-degree retail fraud Oct. 31, 2019, at Walmart in Niles Township.

Criminal sexual conduct

Bradley W. Tennison, 23, of Territorial Road, Benton Harbor, 55 days in jail, credit for 55 days served, $598 in fines and costs, 1 year on tether and 5 years probation for second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a child under the age of 13 between Jan. 1, 2019, and July 29, 2020, in Berrien Township.

Larceny

Danielle M. Joyce, 32, of East Washington Street, Berrien Springs, 7 days in jail, credit for 7 days served, $258 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for larceny in a building June 15 in Berrien Springs; and a concurrent term of 7 days and $198 in costs for larceny in a building June 15 in Berrien Springs.

Ryan M. Grimes, 26, of Sycamore Street, Niles, 30 days in jail, credit for 18 days served, $658 in fines and costs, 90 days on tether, 18 months probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for larceny in a building March 7 in Niles.

Shantell D. Duis, 30, of South Bend, Ind., 8 days in jail, credit for 8 days served, $658 in fines and costs, $308 in restitution and 2 years probation for stealing/retaining without consent a financial transaction device April 13 in Niles Township.

Fleeing/resisting police

Chad G. Miller-Wiemuth, 28, of North Phillip Road, Niles, 53 days in jail, credit for 53 days served, $658 in fines and costs and 2 years probation for assaulting/resisting and obstructing Michigan State Police Trooper Joshua Ashlock Aug. 28 in Niles.

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★ PTSD Counselors from the South Bend Vet Center who come to Berrien County twice a week.

★ Non-Service Connected Veterans Pension and Survivors Pension benefits (House Bound as well as Aid and Attendance) for low income veterans over age 65 or prior to age 65 that are disabled and have at least one day of wartime service (additional means tested restrictions apply).

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Barred owls fond of local forests

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Lakeshore-St. Joseph hockey adjusting on the fly

New coach leading Warriors through unusual season

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

The Lakeshore-St. Joseph Warriors varsity hockey team has had to adapt to a lot of changes this season.

The Warriors, a club team made up of players from local schools, have a new head coach, Tim Sena. They've played without key players – some due to football, others due to COVID-19 quarantine. Even the pregame routine has changed.

Through it all, they've managed a winning record, improving to 7-6 after a 4-3 overtime win over South Bend Riley on Friday.

"It's been full of ups and downs with the coronavirus," Sena said. "Every rink has different protocols. The kids aren't able to get their pregame warmup in like they used to. Our starts are a lot slower than what I would like them to be, and a lot of that has to do with all the changes going on."

The recent state-ordered sports shutdown through Dec. 8 adds another wrinkle. The Warriors are part of the Indiana High School Hockey Association, and can still play games in Indiana.

However, they can't practice or play at either of their home venues – the outdoor Howard Ice Arena and the indoor Garden Ice Arena.

"Without being able to practice in between games, that makes it a little more difficult to be where we want to be at this point in the season," Sena said.

Lakeshore-St. Joseph competes in the Michiana High School Hockey League, primarily made up of schools in the South Bend area. The league looks to be wide open based on early results.

"Everybody's beating everybody and we're right in the mix," Sena said.

The Warriors have an experienced lineup, especially up front. Key players at forward include Alexander Penner, Evan Boes, Logan Langmeyer and Caelan Smusz. Ben Proctor is the starting goalkeeper.

The defense has relied on less-experienced players so far, but will look for Treyjen Keim to give it a boost. Keim and Ryan Kolessar both play for the Lakeshore football team that won the district championship.

"We're just an all-around very good team," Sena said. "We have a lot of returning varsity players. We have an awesome group, the players themselves and the coaching staff."

Sena is originally from the east side of Michigan. He attended college at Grand Valley State, and is currently a middle school teacher in Niles.

He joined the Warriors program as junior varsity head coach last season, then took over the varsity for Lucas Cucci, who left to become an assistant for the Saginaw Valley State University hockey team.

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A favorable future?

Carlos Osorio / AP

Detroit Lions cornerback Amani Oruwariye (24) deflects a pass intended for Washington Football Team wide receiver Jeff Badet (84) during the second half of a Nov. 15 game.

Lions, Stafford hope to take advantage of lighter schedule

By STEVE REED
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Matthew Stafford has earned a reputation for being tough and playing through injuries.

The Detroit Lions are going to need their franchise quarterback to be tough – and to stay on the field – if they hope to rebound from a 4-5 start and make a run at the NFC playoffs.

If the Lions are going to make a run, it probably needs to happen now.

Detroit is preparing to face three struggling teams in the Panthers, Texans and Bears, given them a golden opportunity to build some momentum heading into the final four games of the season.

First up is Carolina, which will be without star running back Christian McCaffrey and possibly quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, who is dealing with a knee sprain. If Bridgewater sits out the Panthers will turn to either Will Grier or P.J. Walker, who have two combined starts between them at quarterback.

But Lions coach Matt Patricia isn't going to overlook Carolina regardless of who is playing QB.

"Carolina is going to be ready to go," Patricia said. "It's a copycat league. There's things that come up in the game that are going to show up in the next game or a couple games down the road. So we have to get that stuff cleaned up and try to improve. For us, we just try to stay within the week and make sure we're focused on that because I think if you looked outside of that, you can just get distracted."

Stafford is dealing with an injury of his own.

He injured his right thumb in the first half of Detroit's 30-27 win over Washington last Sunday, but went on to throw for 276 yards and three touchdowns. X-rays were negative. Stafford rested the thumb on Wednesday, but returned to practice on a limited basis Thursday.

Lions cornerback Amani Oruwariye said Stafford looked good in practice and appeared as if he hadn't missed a beat.

Bridgewater said Thursday he's not sure if he'll be ready to play.

Panthers coach Matt Rhule said while the QB is making throws in practice, he hasn't tested out his mobility.

"I don't know what we will do until he does," Rhule said Thursday. "We are trying to be smart about when to do that. He's preparing as if he's going to play. If we get to Sunday and he feels like he can play, then we are going to play him."

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Luis Robert was a White Sox favorite – at age 15

By LAMOND POPE
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — Marco Paddy remembers having multiple conversations with Chicago White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, executive vice president Kenny Williams and general manager Rick Hahn about Luis Robert.

"The very first time I saw him was in Chihuahua, Mexico, at a world tournament and immediately got excited just because of the athletic ability, the size, the ability to play center field," Paddy said Thursday during a conference call. "Even at an early stage in his career, as a 15-year-old ... he showed you some ability that you normally don't see."

Those abilities were on display throughout Robert's rookie 2020 season with the Sox. Despite a September slump, he led all rookies with 31 RBIs in the 60-game, pandemic-shortened regular season. Robert, 23, won the AL Gold Glove for center fielders and finished second in American League Rookie of the Year voting.

Paddy is the special assistant to the general manager for international operations for the Sox. He looked back on early discussions surrounding Robert and looked ahead with updates on Sox prospects on Thursday.

Paddy recalled the first call to Williams and Hahn about Robert.

"I said, 'There's a guy down here, he's got a chance to be special,' " Paddy said. "During the course of the years, we saw him in various international competitions, so when the time came for us, it was a very fortunate time because we had the support from ownership and Jerry and we had the support from Kenny and Rick. This is something, coming in, we were very aggressive and I'm thankful for them for giving me the opportunity to recommend this guy to the organization."

The Sox signed the Cuban-born Robert in May 2017. He quickly became one of the top prospects in the game and played a major role in helping the Sox reach the playoffs for the first time since 2008.

Paddy, whom the Sox hired in November 2011, said he felt fortunate while watching a player like Robert have success.

"Very fortunate because it starts at the top with ownership and Jerry and then it goes to Kenny and Rick," Paddy said. "They have given me the support and resources and they have allowed me to shape the operation in the way I thought best, obviously using the guidelines and keeping in mind the needs of the organization. They have allowed me to work and they respect my work. They've created a culture here and developed a culture here where there's a tremendous amount of cooperation from every department.

"Somewhere along the line, whether it was Luis or (American League MVP) Jose (Abreu) or any other player we signed, it's a combination of cooperation from everyone in Chicago. Whether you're located in Chicago or Arizona, these guys contribute and make it easier. I feel fortunate for the cooperation that I've received and the respect and the resources to compete for any player at any level of the market. We all feel fortunate that these guys are playing for us, and it's something we can be proud of."

Infielders Elijah Tatis, Bryan Ramos and outfielder

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Bears seek answers for offense as they stumble into bye week

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears switched quarterbacks early in the season and changed who calls plays last week, all in an effort to spark the one of the NFL's worst offenses.

So far, nothing's worked.

They can't pass, can't run, can't block. Above all else, they're not getting the touchdowns they need from their anemic offense.

It's all added up to four straight losses heading into their bye, and no relief in sight.

"At some point, something has to click," coach Matt Nagy said. "At some point. You would think. There's two choices, you either quit or you fight. I know what we're going to do. I don't think I have to say it."

Chicago (5-5) boasts a top 10 defense led by three-time All-Pro pass rusher Khalil Mack and a locker room culture Nagy thinks will keep the team together. But safety Eddie Jackson is seeing too many hanging heads on both sides of the ball. And he let his feelings be known when he addressed the team following the Bears' ugly 19-13 loss to Minnesota on Monday night.

"We got a lot of guys on both sides of the ball that can speak up, that (have a) powerful voice, but I feel like kind of afraid to use it," Jackson said. "You can't be afraid to use your voice. ... You see guys coming off the field, their head down, no one says nothing to them. That has to change."

But the biggest issue facing the Bears is their broken offense. They've been searching for solutions since the season kicked off and they're not finding answers.

Actually, their offense has been a problem the past two years. The changes they made in the offseason – overhauling the assistants and

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Nam Y. Huh / AP

Chicago Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson II (12) catches a pass as Minnesota Vikings cornerback Chris Jones defends during the second half of Monday's game.

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Benyamin Bailey were among the players Paddy discussed Thursday.

Tatis is the younger brother of San Diego Padres star shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. Paddy said Elijah Tatis, 19, is "very polished defensively."

"The one thing about him is he repeats, and when you get a young player that repeats, repeats his swing with no problem and has the ability to handle the bat real well, obviously right away you get excited about it," Paddy said.

He said the combination of power and strong defense of the 18-year-old, Cuban-born Ramos is "going to be something special."

And Paddy said the 19-year-old Bailey, of Panama, reminds him of former major league outfielder Carlos Lee.

"He's a young kid that has natural ability to hit," he said.

Paddy said the Sox are making adjustments during the pandemic when it comes to international scouting.

"We stay in contact with everybody, we have a lot of resources over there where our scouts are in contact with the trainers and myself, the lines of communication are open," he said. "We're more information-based now simply because we have the time to sit back and review everything versus when we were normal, we were running everywhere and we had to make sure we didn't miss this game here or that game there.

"We've turned this thing into an advantage for us, and now we're looking more at the videos and trying to understand the progress of a player from point A to point B."

BEARS

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bringing in quarterback Nick Foles to push Mitchell Trubisky, among other moves – have not panned out.

Nagy handed the play-calling duties to offensive coordinator Bill Lazor last week, only to watch that unit hit a new low against Minnesota. The Bears amassed 149 yards for their lowest total since 2017, and failed to score a touchdown on offense for the second time in four games. They also matched their worst skid since Nagy was hired in 2018.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Foles was taken from the field on a cart near the end of the game. He was driven to the ground as he threw the ball away and suffered a hip and glute injury that wasn't as serious as the Bears feared.

Nagy said this week he doesn't think Foles will have to go on injured reserve. The Bears' next game is against Aaron Rodgers and the NFC North-leading Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field on Nov. 29. And if Foles isn't available, Trubisky might be.

The No. 2 pick in the 2017 draft, he was benched for Foles during the Bears' comeback win at Atlanta in Week 3. On his only snap since then, Trubisky suffered a right shoulder injury when he was tackled running the ball against New Orleans in Week 8.

Whether it's Trubisky or Foles at quarterback, or Nagy or Lazor calling plays, the Bears simply aren't getting the production from their offense. They lack playmakers other than receiver Allen Robinson, and their line wasn't really holding its ground even before injuries and COVID-19 issues took hold.

It's added up to an offense that ranks 31st overall and last in the league in rushing.

Against Minnesota, the Bears' lone touchdown came on Cordarrelle Patterson's club-record 104-yard kickoff return to start the second half. The offense failed to score a touchdown for the second time in four games. And the Bears also had minus-2 yards in the third quarter.

"We're not good enough right now," Patterson said. "Everybody sees that. It's no secret the offense isn't good enough. Just have to keep stepping up, just playing better. Because the defense, they're playing lights out each and every week. They're setting us up each and every time to score points and get the win, but we're just not coming out at the top."

Even when Chicago was 5-1, there were all sorts of red flags.

The Bears had to rally from 17 down to win the opener at Detroit, then nearly blew a 17-point lead in a win over the New York Giants. In Week 3 at Atlanta, Foles rallied them from 16 down.

Those three teams are combined 10-18. And among them, the Lions have the most wins: four.

"We just have to stick together," left tackle Charles Leno Jr. said. "We can't be pointing figures or listen to the outside noise. We just gotta get tighter, stick together and focus on doing our job better, and if we do that, things will take care of itself."

LIONS

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McCaffrey not expected to play

Bridgewater's injury is even more concerning considering the Panthers will again be without running back Christian McCaffrey, their top offensive playmaker. McCaffrey will miss his eighth game of the season because of an injury – the past two because of a sprained AC joint in his shoulder.

McCaffrey has been effective when he plays, averaging 124.7 yards from scrimmage and scoring six touchdowns.

The Panthers have struggled in the red zone without him.

Mike Davis would get the start for McCaffrey. Davis has totaled 675 scrimmage yards and four touchdowns in 2020, but hasn't been as effective in his past four starts for the Panthers.

Swift dealing with concussion

Detroit drafted D'Andre Swift in the second round this year and he appeared to emerge as the team's No. 1 running back last week after gaining a season-high 149 yards from scrimmage in his first NFL start. Lions offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell said days later that the pecking order in the backfield was made clear to 35-year-old Adrian Peterson.

However, Swift was added to the injury report with a concussion on Thursday and did not practice, leaving his playing status for Sunday up in the air. Peterson and Kerryon Johnson would get extra work if Swift is held out.

Swift had 81 yards rushing and season highs with 16 carries and 68 yards receiving and matched a season high with five receptions, including a short one he turned into a 15-yard score, in the win over Washington.

The former Georgia star has 331 yards rushing, is averaging 4.7 yards per carry, and has four touchdowns along with 31 catches for 275 and two more scores.

Savvy veteran

Detroit defensive end Everson Griffen, acquired last month in a trade with Dallas, had his first sack in his second game with the Lions against Washington. He also made a pivotal play that didn't show up in the box score, helping stop a reverse without making a tackle.

"Everson has a tremendous amount of energy," Patricia said of Everson, who has 3 1/2 sacks in nine games this season and 78 in his career, ranking 15th among active players.

Third down woes

The Panthers' defense has really struggled getting off the field on third downs.

Carolina is allowing opponents to convert a league-high 55.3 percent of third down chances.

Last week Tom Brady converted 10 of 16 third down chances and the Buccaneers piled up 30 first downs in all in a 46-23 drubbing of the Panthers.

"We (stink) in that department," Panthers cornerback Rasul Douglas said. "We haven't been able to do it, while we as a defense have to find a way to do it. I think the coaches are putting us in positions to get off the field and we're not doing it, myself included."

Watch the fake

The Panthers have tried a fake punt in each of the past three games, with two of those resulting in first downs.

However, last week's attempt didn't fool anyone as punter Joe Charlton was sacked for a 5-yard loss on a fourth-and-5 giving the Buccaneers the ball at the Carolina 40.

SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	272	265
Miami	6	3	0	.667	251	182
New England	4	5	0	.444	189	211
N.Y. Jets	0	9	0	.000	121	268
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	242	177
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	249	235
Houston	2	7	0	.222	200	252
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	199	271
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Pittsburgh	9	0	0	1.000	271	171
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	244	165
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	216	244
Cincinnati	2	6	1	.278	204	250
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	286	183
Las Vegas	6	3	0	.667	255	241
Denver	3	6	0	.333	186	254
L.A. Chargers	2	7	0	.222	226	245

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	5	1	.389	203	232
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	195	236
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	204	290
Washington	2	7	0	.222	180	218
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	271	213
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	296	226
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	243	251
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	233	272
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	277	224
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	191	209
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	227	267
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	236	247
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Seattle	7	3	0	.700	318	287
L.A. Rams	6	3	0	.667	216	168
Arizona	6	4	0	.600	287	238
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	238	234

Thursday's Game

Seattle 28, Arizona 21

Sunday, Nov. 22

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New England at Houston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Chicago, N.Y. Giants, San Francisco

Monday, Nov. 23

L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Buffalo 42, Bowling Green 17
Kent State 69, Akron 35

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Toledo 45, E. Michigan 28
Ball St. 31, N. Illinois 25
W. Michigan 52, Cent. Michigan 44

Thursday, Nov. 19

Tulsa 30, Tulane 24

Friday, Nov. 20

Syracuse (1-7) at Louisville (2-6)
Purdue (2-1) at Minnesota (1-3)
UMass (0-2) at FAU (4-1)
New Mexico (0-3) at Air Force (1-2)

Saturday, Nov. 21

Georgia Southern (6-2) at Army (6-2), Noon
East Carolina (1-6) at Temple (1-5), Noon
SF Austin (6-3) at Memphis (4-2), Noon
Clemson (7-1) at Florida St. (2-6), Noon
Florida (5-1) at Vanderbilt (0-6), Noon
App. St. (6-1) at Coastal Carolina (7-0), Noon
Indiana (4-0) at Ohio St. (3-0), Noon
Illinois (1-3) at Nebraska (1-2), Noon
LSU (2-3) at Arkansas (3-4), Noon
FIU (0-4) at W. Kentucky (3-6), 2 p.m.
Rice (1-1) at North Texas (2-3), 2 p.m.
Arkansas St. (3-5) at Texas State (1-9), 3 p.m.
UTSA (5-4) at Southern Miss. (2-6), 3 p.m.
W. Carolina (0-1) at E. Kentucky (2-6), 3 p.m.
Cincinnati (7-0) at UCF (5-2), 3:30 p.m.
Middle Tenn. (2-6) at Troy (4-3), 3:30 p.m.
Iowa (2-2) at Penn St. (0-4), 3:30 p.m.
Wisconsin (2-0) at NW (4-0), 3:30 p.m.
North Alabama (0-3) at BYU (8-0), 3 p.m.
California (0-1) at Oregon St. (0-2), 3:30 p.m.
SDSU (3-1) at Nevada (4-0), 3:30 p.m.
UCLA (1-1) at Oregon (2-0), 3:30 p.m.
Virginia Tech (4-4) at Pittsburgh (4-4), 4 p.m.
Georgia St. (3-4) at S. Alabama (3-5), 4 p.m.
Abilene Christian (1-4) at Virginia (3-4), 4 p.m.
Kentucky (3-4) at Alabama (6-0), 4 p.m.
Kansas St. (4-3) at Iowa St. (5-2), 4 p.m.
Tennessee (2-4) at Auburn (4-2), 7 p.m.
San Jose St. (4-0) at Fresno St. (3-1), 7 p.m.
Missouri (2-3) at SCAR (2-5), 7:30 p.m.
Liberty (8-0) at NC State (5-3), 7:30 p.m.
Mississippi St. (2-4) at Georgia (4-2), 7:30 p.m.
Michigan (1-3) at Rutgers (1-3), 7:30 p.m.
OK St. (5-1) at Oklahoma (5-2), 7:30 p.m.
Arizona (0-1) at Washington (1-0), 8 p.m.
WSU (1-1) at Stanford (0-2), 10:30 p.m.
Southern Cal (2-0) at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
Boise St. (3-1) at Hawaii (2-2), 11 p.m.

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More 401(k) millionaires than ever

Michelle Singletary

During the pandemic, with millions of people unemployed, the number of workers joining the millionaire's club hit record levels.

In its third-quarter retirement report, Fidelity Investments said the number of 401(k) participants with $1 million or more in one of its plans increased to 262,000, up about 17 percent from the previous quarter. The number of IRA millionaires jumped to 234,000, up nearly 15 percent. Both topped the previous highs in the 2019 fourth quarter, when Fidelity reported 233,000 401(k) millionaires and 208,000 IRA millionaires.

The bulk of the increase in 401(k) account balances in the third quarter was due to market performance – about 90 percent – compared with contributions. Although the market dipped in October, from July 1 to Sept. 30, there was positive market performance, which helped boost retirement balances, a spokesman for Fidelity said.

There was a record-setting spike in the number of millionaires investing in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), the federal government's version of a 401(k). As of Sept. 30, out of nearly 5.9 million participants, there were 55,183 TSP millionaires, up from 45,219 in the previous quarter, according to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. Year over year, the number of TSP millionaires increased about 40 percent.

The number of millionaires – before taxes, of course – is a relatively small percentage of the total number of retirement plan participants. Nonetheless, crossing the millionaire threshold is a momentous investment achievement.

"The people who were able to keep their jobs and keep their hours, for those people, we really did see that they just continued to contribute and continued to take advantage of the company match," said Jeanne Thompson, senior vice president for Fidelity.

On the flip side, other workers were affected by reduced hours, furloughs and layoffs, resulting in them taking hardship withdrawals under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which relaxed a number of rules to make it easier for people to access their retirement funds.

"In some cases, even if it wasn't them in particular, it could have been their spouse or partner, so they saw a drastic drop in their monthly income," Thompson said.

If an employer allows plan loans, the CARES Act increased the limit on loans to $100,000 from $50,000. Workers younger than 59½ are ordinarily subject to a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty, in addition to income tax due. However, under the CARES Act, the 10 percent penalty is waived for retirement account distributions up to $100,000 for employees experiencing financial hardship related to the pandemic. The waiver covers withdrawals made on or after Jan. 1 until Dec. 31.

Despite the economic downturn, Fidelity reported that a relatively small percentage of the 30 million retirement accounts it manages took advantage of the CARES Act provisions.

From April until the end of October, 1.3 million individuals had taken a CARES Act distribution from their retirement account, representing about 5.2 percent of eligible employees. The average distribution amount was $10,000, and the median was $3,000.

There was some concern among plan providers that a lot of workers would take large withdrawals, putting them behind in their retirement savings, Thompson said. But this hasn't happened.

"There are a fair amount of people who are taking just what they need," Thompson said, "so they are taking that small amount as they need it versus taking a huge lump sum. They are getting what they need just to get by to make ends meet. As we all know, when you take the money out, it can be hard to put it back in."

The Vanguard Group reported similar findings regarding withdrawals under the CARES Act. The company said 4.5 percent of participants withdrew assets from their retirement plan under the CARES Act, while less than 1 percent took a CARES Act loan. The median distribution amount was approximately $12,000. The median age was 43, and the median income was about $62,000.

"There were more ways to tap into your account, but what our research showed, which was surprising to us but is encouraging, is that very few people did," said Dave Stinnett, principal in charge of Vanguard's strategic retirement consulting team. "And the amount people took out was relatively modest."

Even so, those who took out a withdrawal could now have a retirement readiness gap, Stinnett said.

But if you take into account the median amount that people withdrew and the average age of those who took a distribution, all people have to do is increase by 1 percent how much they contribute from their paycheck next year, he said.

"And if they do that over the course of their working life, they'll close that gap," Stinnett said.

As of Nov. 12, more than 96,000 TSP participants took withdrawals under the CARES Act, totaling close to $2.3 billion.

Overall, despite turbulence in the stock market, retirement plan participants stayed the course. Fidelity said the average IRA balance was $117,700, up 6 percent from last quarter. The average 401(k) balance increased to $109,600, up 5 percent from the second quarter.

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Ask the Fool

Cash Burn Rate

Q If I have a big loss when I sell some stock, I can deduct it on my tax return, right?
— D.B., Evergreen, Colorado

A Yup. No one likes money-losing investments, but at least they can shrink your tax bill. Here's how it works: You first offset any capital gains from stock sales with your capital loss(es). Any remaining loss can be deducted from your income — up to $3,000 per year. Amounts exceeding that $3,000 can be carried over to the following year.

If you're in, say, the 24% bracket and you deduct $3,000 from your income, that amount is excluded from taxation. So you save 24% of $3,000, or $720. Spend a little more time learning about tax rules and strategies, and you can probably save even more money. Start at **IRS.gov** or **Fool.com/taxes**.

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Q How much personal liability insurance should I have?
— T.W., Morgantown, West Virginia

A It depends on how much you have to lose if you're sued. You want to prevent a lawsuit from causing you a financial catastrophe. Total the value of your home, belongings and financial assets. Add more for legal costs, though insurers sometimes cover those. Then check the liability coverage on your home and auto policies.

If your assets are considerable, consider getting an "umbrella" policy (from another insurance company, if necessary). Umbrella policies generally offer much more liability coverage — typically $1 million or more — and charge much lower premiums than homeowner's and automobile insurance policies do.

Insurance may be boring, but it's really important, protecting you from potential financial losses. You can keep insurance costs down by bundling policies with the same insurer and shopping around for the best prices every year or two.

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Investing shouldn't only be done by, or for, adults. Kids can benefit from investing, too — and getting them interested in it while they're young can pay off handsomely by starting them on the road to financial security. After all, kids have decades in which to invest, and small sums can grow powerfully over long periods, helping pay for educational expenses and more.

At a minimum, learn more about 529 plans, which are designed to let you, and others, contribute to a tax-advantaged account to be used for someone's educational expenses. (There are no annual contribution limits, but contributions exceeding IRS per-person gift limits will be taxed.) Each state has a plan, some better than others, and you can use any state's plan. Learn more at **SavingforCollege.com**.

Coverdell ESAs (Education Savings Accounts) are another option; they're similar to 529 plans, but are offered by brokerages. Contributions are limited to $2,000 per year, but you can invest in just about any stock, ETF or mutual fund.

While minors can't open brokerage accounts on their own, they can do so with your help. You can open an account in their name, and you can park dollars to invest in it, too. There are custodial versions of regular, taxable brokerage accounts, and there are also custodial IRAs that kids with earned income (not allowance or gift money) can save money in. Note that while IRAs are retirement savings accounts, young people are allowed to withdraw money for qualified college expenses without penalty.

There are more details about each kind of plan, so read up on them. Try to involve the kids in your life in your investing — and theirs. Pick promising companies in which they're interested, such as Starbucks, Netflix, Apple or Nike. Discuss business stories in the news. Kids can also learn more about investing with "The Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens: 8 Steps to Having More Money Than Your Parents Ever Dreamed Of" by David and Tom Gardner with Selena Maranjian (Touchstone, $17).

My Dumbest Investment

A 'Smart Dumb' Investment

My dumbest investment was buying shares of Amazon back in 2002 — only to sell them in 2015. Yes, when I sold the shares, they had grown to eight times what I'd paid for them — but more recently, the shares are trading for about 10 times my purchase price! Lesson learned: When you have a winner, stay with it as long as you can.
— H., online

The Fool Responds: This was a very "smart dumb" investment, since you got a 700% gain. How dumb it actually was depends on your thinking when you sold the shares. If you simply thought that a 700% gain was good enough, that's fair, though you might have asked yourself how much more you thought Amazon would grow. If you thought that Amazon's future was no longer promising, then selling was definitely the right thing to do. Amazon had many unprofitable years, but that wasn't due to a poor business model; the company was just plowing every available dollar into furthering its growth. Now it's one of the world's biggest companies, recently valued near $1.6 trillion.

It's generally a good idea to hang on to your winners for decades, if possible, as long as their futures still seem rosy. They may not grow a lot every year, but over time, a 700% gain can become a 1,500% gain, which can become a 3,000% gain, and so on.

The Motley Fool Take

Pharmacy on Sale

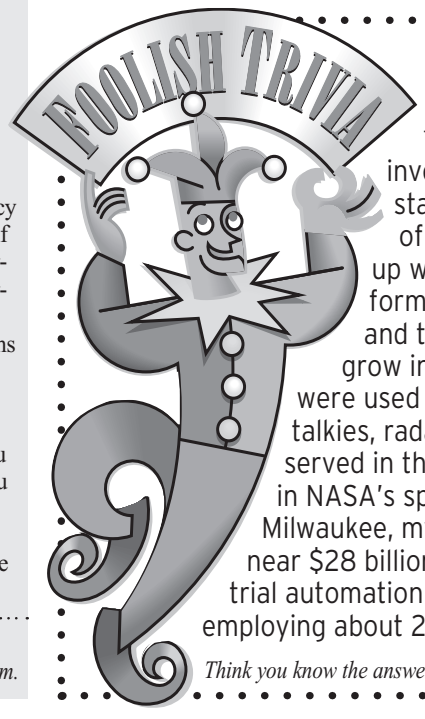
Pharmacy giant Walgreens Boots Alliance (Nasdaq: WBA) is on sale. Even after its better-than-expected fiscal fourth-quarter operating results, Walgreens stock was 32% below its 52-week high as of mid-November, and its dividend yield was recently over 4.3%.

The issue for Walgreens is that the pharmacy chain operating model is built on low margins and high volume. That volume dried up big-time when the pandemic hit, crushing front-end retail sales and hurting clinic revenue. On an adjusted basis, the coronavirus reduced earnings per share by $1.06 in fiscal 2020.

However, Walgreens Boots Alliance is undergoing a transformation that's already beginning to pay off. The company is on track to recognize $2 billion in annual cost savings by fiscal 2022, while sparing no expense boosting its omnichannel presence. In the fiscal fourth quarter, online sales at Boots.com and Walgreens.com rose by 155% and 39%, respectively, from the prior-year period. The company has also increased the number of items that can be ordered online and picked up via drive-thru.

Perhaps the most exciting development is Walgreens' partnership with VillageMD to develop up to 700 on-site, full-service health care clinics that'll pair with Walgreens' pharmacies for an integrated medical experience. The strategy is to reach out to patients with chronic conditions, making Walgreens a one-stop shop for their basic medical needs.

Long-term investors should give Walgreens Boots Alliance a closer look.



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1901, when Lynde Bradley invented the compression rheostat: a way to control the speed of electric motors. He teamed up with Stanton Allen in 1903, forming me. World War I contracts and the spread of radio helped me grow in my early years. My products were used in World War II in walkie-talkies, radar and fighter planes, and they served in the early UNIVAC computer and in NASA's space shuttles. Today, based in Milwaukee, my market value was recently near $28 billion. I'm a leader in industrial automation and digital transformation, employing about 23,000 people. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1927, when a talent agent created a radio broadcasting system for his clients to perform on. I soon merged with Columbia Phonograph and Records, and later entered television. (Westinghouse Electric bought me in 1995.) My current name reflects a big media merger that closed in December 2019, reuniting two businesses that used to be under one roof. I'm part of the National Amusements holding company. My portfolio boasts Showtime Networks, Paramount Pictures, Nickelodeon, MTV, Comedy Central, BET, Pluto TV and Simon & Schuster. I reach more than 4.3 billion subscribers globally. Who am I? (Answer: ViacomCBS)

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How small businesses can help workers save

Liz Weston

Donna Skemp of Bend, Oregon, struggled to save before she signed up for an automatic savings plan offered by her employer's payroll services company.

Now, some of her pay goes into a federally insured, interest-paying savings account that she can access any time with a debit card.

"It's painless, and it's so easy," says Skemp, accounting and office manager for the nonprofit Every Kid Sports, which pays sports registration fees for children from low-income families.

Skemp is lucky – more than one-third of private-sector workers don't have access to workplace savings plans via payroll deduction. Many small-business owners may think such plans are too expensive or complicated to administer. But that's not necessarily so.

Payroll deduction makes a difference

Americans don't save nearly enough for emergencies or retirement, but we're more likely to save if the money is automatically deducted from our paychecks. People are much more likely to contribute to a retirement plan, for example, if they're offered payroll deductions, according to AARP's Public Policy Institute.

In addition, 7 of 10 working adults say they probably would participate in an emergency savings program via payroll deduction if their employer offered it.

Unfortunately, the smaller the business, the less likely it is to offer a workplace savings plan. In the past, that made sense, because the cost of setting up and administering these plans could be high. Technology and competition have lowered costs in recent years, however.

Some startups and robo-advisors have been targeting the small-business 401(k) market, as have some large investment companies. Costs vary, but they don't have to be exorbitant: JPMorgan Chase, for example, recently announced a workplace plan for small businesses with monthly charges that start at $75 a month plus $5 per participant.

Looking beyond 401(k)s

Small-business owners who want an even lower-cost option could set up payroll deductions deposited into SIMPLE (Savings Incentive Match PLan for Employees) IRAs, says Mackey McNeill, a certified public accountant and personal finance specialist in Bellevue, Kentucky, who works with small businesses.

Workers can't save as much in these as they can in a 401(k), McNeill notes. The regular contribution limit for SIMPLE IRAs was $13,500 this year, compared to $19,500 for a 401(k). But SIMPLE IRAs typically have few fees and regulatory requirements, with only one IRS form to fill out annually, McNeill says.

Those lower fees open up a way for employers to help workers save. Instead of paying $1,500 to $2,500 a year in administrative costs for a 401(k), which McNeil says is typical for her clients, small employers could use that money to help match their employees' contributions in the SIMPLE IRA.

Another potential option is state-sponsored retirement accounts, which typically use payroll deductions to deposit money into Roth IRAs for employees. Three states – Oregon, Illinois and California – currently offer programs that are or will eventually become mandatory for most employers that don't have retirement plans. Several other states are setting up these plans or considering it.

Adding an emergency plan

A big problem with retirement accounts is that they can be costly to access in an emergency because of taxes and penalties. Skemp, 60, learned that during the Great Recession more than a decade ago, when she lost her job and had to raid her retirement account to pay her mortgage.

Emergency savings accounts, either as a standalone benefit or one that's connected to a retirement plan, can help prevent such costly withdrawals and improve workers' financial stability. Several large companies now offer such accounts, while benefits companies including Gusto, the one Skemp's employer used, and Businessolver offer the option to smaller businesses.

Even if small-business owners aren't ready to set up a formal emergency savings program, they can encourage workers to save through split direct deposit.

Any employer that offers direct deposit can offer split deposit, which allows people to automatically divide paychecks between checking and savings accounts or among accounts at different banks.

Skemp says she wishes she'd known years how important a regular, automated savings habit could be.

"I would be so far ahead of the game right now," she says.

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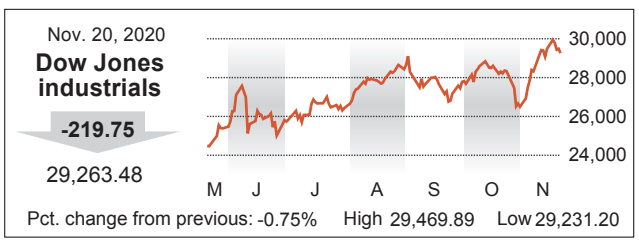

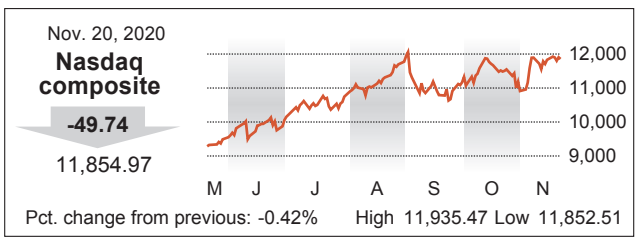

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$82.49 **+.04 ...%**
▼ **4-wk.** -10.2% ▼ **YTD** -12.7%

Whirlpool WHR
$192.91 **+.35 +.2%**
▼ **4-wk.** -2.6% ▲ **YTD** +30.8%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	28.32	+.04	+0.1	▼	▲	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	82.49	+.04	...	▼	▼	▲
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	137.98	117.34	-1.30	-1.1	▼	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1114.20	-19.56	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	14.74	40.08	19.49	-.04	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	61.25	+.67	+1.1	▼	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	52.67	-.46	-0.9	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	50.38	49.17	-.31	-0.6	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	265.87	258.56	+2.97	+1.2	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	141.07	-.65	-0.5	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	113.35	94.97	+.42	+0.4	▬	▼	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	71.37	36.94	-.46	-1.2	▲	▲	▲
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	25.29	-.59	-2.3	▼	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	37.74	+.20	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	9.58	8.74	-.08	-0.9	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	9.76	+.10	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	269.81	-1.12	-0.4	▼	▼	▼
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	14.50	-.12	-0.8	▲	▲	▲
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	11.75	-.20	-1.7	▲	▲	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	199.50	193.97	-2.10	-1.1	▲	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	116.94	-.24	-0.2	▲	▲	▼
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	114.57	-.99	-0.9	▲	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	146.36	-.78	-0.5	▼	▲	▼
Lowes	LOW	60.00	180.67	149.93	+.33	+0.2	▼	▼	▼
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	231.91	214.09	-1.02	-0.5	▲	▼	▼
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	210.39	-2.03	-1.0	▼	▼	▬
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	36.73	-.07	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	48.11	-.70	-1.4	▼	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	41.99	36.70	+.51	+1.4	▼	▼	▬
ProctGam	PG	94.34	146.92	139.30	-.23	-0.2	▼	▼	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	103.79	98.86	-1.05	-1.1	▼	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	12.53	+.14	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	241.53	232.86	-.71	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	33.79	-.20	-0.6	▲	▲	▲
Target	TGT	90.17	173.44	172.31	+.94	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	157.07	129.70	-1.15	-0.9	▼	▼	▼
UPS B	UPS	82.00	178.01	163.76	-2.72	-1.6	▲	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	60.04	-.17	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	96.10	+.55	+0.6	▼	▼	▼
WalMart	WMT	102.00	153.40	150.24	-1.88	-1.2	▼	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.36	62.38	37.53	-.32	-0.8	▼	▼	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.91	22.51	-.07	-0.3	▼	▼	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	207.30	192.91	+.35	+0.2	▲	▼	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	56.43	51.44	-.22	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	109.83	103.79	-2.14	-2.0	▼	▲	▲

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold steady from mostly $26.50-28, Golden Delicious sold from $26-28, Fuji brought $32-34, Pink Lady sold for $35, Gala sold for $34 while fine appearance offerings sold for $39-40, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold for $58. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $23-24, while Golden Delicious sold for $26-27, and Gala brought $25-26, while bushel cartons of 3-inch up Michigan Gala, Golden Delicious and Jonagold sold for $20.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold slightly higher from $24-26, while white large offerings sold slightly higher for $28.50.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Georgia sold higher from $22-24.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from Peru sold slightly lower for $28-30, with offerings from Mexico lower for $28, with fine appearance offerings $34-36. Organic offerings of flats of 12 6-ounce berries from California sold steady for $32. Strawberries in flats of I2 1-lb containers medium-large size from California and Mexico of fine appearance sold for $33-34. Organic offerings of small-medium size berries of fine appearance from California sold for $26.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold higher for mostly $36-38, with organic offerings higher for $50.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Illinois sold for mostly $15-16, with fine appearance offerings from Texas sold for $21.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher from $28-30, with organic offerings $40.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Georgia bi-color and yellow sold lower for $14.50-15.50.

CRANBERRIES: Cartons of 24 12-ounce packages of offerings from Wisconsin sold from mostly $31-32.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold steady for mostly $23-25, while select offerings brought mostly $20-21 and large sold higher for $22-23, and carton 24s sold for mostly $10-11. Pickles of 150-200 size from Mexico sold for mostly $28-30.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Georgia sold steady for mostly $15-16, with choice offerings $13.50-14.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold higher for mostly $46-48, with organic offerings higher for $52.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold for $28-29.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Georgia green jumbo sold from mostly $17-18, with extra-large $21 and choppers sold higher for $18. Extra-large size anaheim peppers from North Carolina sold for $25, medium-large hungarian wax peppers sold for $22, while medium-large size cubanelles sold for $32, and extra-large serranos sold for $28, with large size poblanos from Mexico $22.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Mexico sold higher from $12.50-14, with medium mostly $14-15, while yellow straightneck small-medium sold higher for $14, with mediums $12. 40-pound cartons of large size acorn and butternut from Michigan sold for $18, with spaghetti $19-20.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from California of 5x5 size sold higher for $31, with Florida offerings $32-34, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 5x5 size sold for $28. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red medium size from Florida sold lower from $6-8, while cartons of 12 10.5-ounce containers with lids of grape type sold lower from $8-10. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold higher from mostly $29-31.

WAYLAND LIVESTOCK

As of Tuesday, Nov. 17 Prices are per pound.

High yielding choice & prime	.96 cents – $100.3
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Utility cows	.54 cents – .70 cents
Canner & cutter cows	.40 cents – .57 cents
Bulls	.60 cents – .80 cents
Top bull calve	.60 cents – $1.20 cents
Hay	$3.40 – $8.75 per bale
Straw	$4.00

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Whirlpool added to Dow Jones Sustainability Index

By HP STAFF

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. has been named to the 2020 Dow Jones Sustainability Indices North America Index in recognition of the company's commitment to sustainable business practices.

This year marks the Benton Harbor appliance maker's 14th time on the list in the last 15 years.

"Being selected for inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index is an important acknowledgement of the progress made – and even more importantly – our unwavering focus on being a sustainable company," Whirlpool CEO and Chairman Marc Bitzer said in a news release. "Sustainability is not only an essential part of our company culture, it is of paramount importance to being the best kitchen and laundry company, in constant pursuit of improving life at home."

Whirlpool has increased its DJSI score over the years, highlighting the company's commitment to social and environmental sustainability and to delivering on its goals.

In July, Whirlpool's targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions were approved by the Science Based Targets initiative and are consistent with reductions required to keep global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius. Whirlpool also remains committed to its goals of zero waste to landfill and renewable energy alternatives.

Among Fortune 500 companies, Whirlpool is one of the largest consumers of on-site wind energy generation.

"As a leading global manufacturer, we understand the important role we play in taking decisive action to support social and environmental sustainability," said Ron Voglewede, director of global sustainability at Whirlpool. "We are continuing to deliver meaningful results, including record emission reductions over the past year, and remain committed to doing even more to exceed our goals and be a leader in sustainability initiatives."

Since launching in 1999, the DJSI has provided benchmarking of the world's largest companies in terms of their economic, environmental, and social performance.

Biden could announce Cabinet picks as soon as next week

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

Alex Brandon / AP

President-elect Joe Biden waves as he arrives The Queen theater for a meeting with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of N.Y., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., Friday, Nov. 20 in Wilmington, Del.

WASHINGTON — President-elect Joe Biden is moving quickly to fill out his administration and could name top leaders for his Cabinet as early as next week.

Biden told reporters on Thursday that he's already decided on who will lead the Treasury Department. That pick, along with his nominee for secretary of state, may be announced before Thanksgiving, according to people close to the transition who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

The Cabinet announcements could be released in tranches, with groups of nominees focused on a specific top area, like the economy, national security or public health, being announced at once.

Such a move is intended to deliver the message that Biden is intent on preparing for the presidency even as President Donald Trump refuses to concede and attempts to subvert the election results in key states. Trump's roadblocks have undermined core democratic principles such as the peaceful transfer of power and are especially problematic because Biden will take office in January amid the worst public health crisis in more than a century.

"It's a huge impact. And each day it gets worse, meaning a week ago, it wasn't that big of a deal. This week, it's starting to get to be a bigger deal. Next week, it'll be bigger," said David Marchick, director of the Center for Presidential Transition at the nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service. "Every new day that's lost has a larger impact than the day before."

Still, Biden's transition work is progressing, with the president-elect holding frequent virtual meetings from his home in Wilmington, Delaware, and a music venue downtown. At this point, Biden is deeply involved in choosing his Cabinet, a process described by one person as similar to fitting puzzle pieces together.

In putting together the 15-person team, Biden is facing demands from multiple, competing interests, as well as the political realities of navigating a closely divided Senate.

He'll have to find the right mix of nominees to appease progressives demanding evidence he's committed to major reforms; fulfill his promise to build the most diverse government in modern history; and pass through a more difficult than expected nomination process with a slim margin of control for either party, depending on the outcome of two Georgia Senate runoffs in January.

Those considerations appear to be already informing Biden's calculus for secretary of state.

Two finalists to be America's top diplomat include Antony Blinken, a former deputy national security adviser and deputy secretary of state, and Chris Coons, who holds Biden's former Senate seat from Delaware and sits on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Blinken and Coons are close to Biden, and both have privately and, in some cases, publicly, expressed interest in the job. But with the balance of power in the Senate depending on two runoffs in Georgia, Blinken may have the upper hand, according to people close to the transition. The thinking, these people said, is that even if Coons is tapped for the post and replaced with a Democrat by Delaware's Democratic governor, the loss of his influence in the Senate may outweigh his value as secretary of state.

NEW IN BUSINESS

Business award ceremony taking nominations

BENTON HARBOR — The nomination process is underway for the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber's 2021 Business Recognition Awards.

Nominations will be accepted through Dec. 11. Winners will be presented at the 2021 Business Recognition Event early next year.

In addition to the usual awards, the Chamber is accepting nominations for COVID-19 Pandemic Excellence Awards. Those awards recognize businesses and organizations that have gone above and beyond during the pandemic.

Criteria for each award, and the nomination submission form can be found at: www.smrchamber.com/market-your-business/business-recognition-awards.

Nominations can be submitted by anyone. However, no self-nominations will be accepted.

Full details regarding the 2021 Business Recognition Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony will be announced at a later date.

Wightman design earns industry awards

BENTON HARBOR — Wightman's architectural and interior design of a STREAM lab for Bishop Noll Institute has received three awards.

BNI was given three honors celebrating its design that created a unique learning space at the Catholic college-prep high school in Hammond, Ind.

The Wightman architecture team designed a 7,050-square-foot layout to include a prototype lab, Makerspace, design studio, student project display area, learning studio, teacher workspace, small-group learning area, independent study area and security vestibule.

Wightman received an honorable mention award for the firm's work on the BNI STREAM lab in Learning by Design's Fall 2020 Architectural and Interior Design Awards of Excellence program.

Two awards were also given to Wightman by American School & University magazine's 2020 Education Interiors Showcase. The STREAM lab was selected as Outstanding Design in both the Technology Centers and Interior Renovation categories. American School & University provides education facility trends, strategies and technologies to professionals.

Making a mobile friendly website

SCORE

This column is provided by SCORE, an organization dedicated to helping small businesses start, grow and succeed. The local SCORE chapter provide free and confidential mentoring in management, accounting, marketing and business plan preparation.

Today, having a mobile-friendly website for your business is non-negotiable.

That's because back in 2015, Google changed the game and started prioritizing mobile-friendly websites in its organic search results page rankings. Since then, the need for a mobile-friendly site has only continued to climb.

It's Google's world and we have to play in it.

An astounding 87 percent of all web searches take place on Google's platform. With this level of market share, it's no surprise that Google is setting the standards and rules for how the world does business online.

Today, years after Google's shift to prioritize mobile-friendly sites in search results, nearly 60 percent of all web searches take place on a mobile device. So, what does this all mean?

It means that if your business website is not mobile-friendly, then you're losing business.

Making the change to a mobile-friendly website needs to be high up on your priority list, especially if you sell online. If you're building a new site for your small business, you'll want to choose a site built with what's known as 'responsive design.'

Responsive design creates a website experience that's fluid from mobile to desktop to tablet.

Google's emphasis on mobile design is its way of rewarding businesses that provide users with a high-quality user experience. When someone visits your website, their experience on your site should be the same regardless of whether they're viewing it on their phone or computer.

Responsive design is a design solution that accounts for how the site will respond to your content and graphics at various pixel widths and heights. The width of a mobile device is far less than a desktop, and your website needs to account for both.

A website designer will create a site using responsive design and assess the way the site responds to text and images of different sizes throughout the design process. The result is a high-quality website that meets Google's mobile requirements and provides a positive user experience on any device.

If your website is not yet mobile-friendly, the best option is to start fresh.

Years ago, businesses were adding plug-ins to make their websites mobile-friendly. Plugs-ins are notorious for creating more challenges than solutions when not used properly. If you've been holding out and are still operating a site that's not mobile-friendly, your best option is to invest in a new, responsive website that will greatly improve the user experience for your customers and prospects.

Launching a new mobile-friendly website – regardless of whether it's a brand new site or a website refresh – is a big step for any small business.

Having the support of other small business owners and mentors who have gone through a website launch before, like a SCORE mentor, is one of the best ways to make sure you're taking the right steps to launch a website that performs well and creates a positive user experience.

A SCORE mentor can help you connect with a quality website design firm and work with you throughout the entire process from start to finish.

hp OUTDOORS

Submitting hunting or fishing photos

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Barred owls fond of local forests

A barred owl was seen and photographed in the daylight hours of Nov. 2 in the yard of Theodore Post in St. Joseph Township, not far from Hickory Creek. Post said the owl was present in his wooded yard for approximately two hours hunting for food. It is not known if the owl captured any prey.

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

The barred owl lives in heavily forested areas, especially swamps, rarely venturing into open areas where they may fall prey to the larger great horned owl. Barred owls prey on a variety of small birds and mammals such as mice, voles, squirrels, and rabbits. They also eat reptiles and amphibians such as frogs, salamanders, and snakes. The species ranges over much of the eastern U.S. and is non-migratory.

The barred owl was the most abundant owl in Southwest Michigan prior to the late 19th century, as it found home among the region's vast forested areas. As pioneers settled the region, they drastically altered the landscape by cutting down most of the original forests. The great horned owl, which thrives on small-to-medium sized woodlots interspersed among open areas, increased and became the most common owl in the region through the 20th century.

Since the 1960s, second growth forests have reclaimed many areas that were void of trees during the 20th century such as the St Joseph River, Paw Paw River, and Dowagiac River corridors. Trees have also grown back large enough along Hickory Creek to where it can support birds such as the barred owl, red-shouldered hawk, and pileated woodpecker.

David Lawrence photographed one snow bunting on the beach at New Buffalo last month, featured in today's column.

Snow buntings have been seen along our Lake Michigan shoreline since late September, having arrived here from the treeless Arctic tundra of Canada.

In summer, the species ranges around the Arctic Circle, but migrates southward into Eurasia and the Northern and Central U.S. for winter.

Look for them along beaches and other open areas such as the large open fields along Linco Road between Hollywood Road and Niles Road (M-139). In winter, snow buntings are often found in our region in mixed flocks along with horned larks and Lapland longspurs.

Snow buntings and Lapland longspurs will recede back northward come late February and early March.

Brad Anderson photographed a rooster ring-necked pheasant in October, along Basswood Road near Three Oaks. The bird in the photo is an escape from the nearby hunting club.

It is very probable that a wild, self-sustaining population of ring-necked pheasants is or will soon be gone from Southwest Michigan.

All of the pheasant sightings that I am aware from this area in 2020 pertain to birds that were released by private individuals or by hunting clubs.

It's been years since I have personally seen or heard of a wild hen pheasant or pheasant chicks in this area.

Lastly, I would like to encourage readers to report any current hummingbird sightings, as now is the time that stray hummingbirds from western North America turn up in the area.

The last ruby-throated hummingbird in Berrien County this fall was seen Nov. 1 in Bridgman by Brad and Hannah Anderson.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Photo provided / Theodore Post

A barred owl on Nov. 2 in the yard of Theodore Post of St. Joseph Twp.

Photo provided / David Lawrence

A snow bunting is seen on New Buffalo Beach last month.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A ring-necked pheasant rooster along Basswood Road, near Three Oaks, on Oct. 17.

Sarett Nature Center

Feeding Winter Birds virtual experience: Nov. 1-30. Enjoy watching a Sarett naturalist as they teach you the ins and outs of feeding our winter birds. Go to sarett.org and click on the link Feeding Winter Birds to view the video. The program is open for your convenience until the end of the month.

Annual Audubon Christmas bird count: 8 a.m. Dec. 31. Volunteers are needed to count birds for this event. Call 927-4832 to register. Areas will be divided up so small groups can cover an area in a reasonable amount of time.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes.

February: Register from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 2. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Feb. 4 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 6. For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Pumpkin House: Open through Thanksgiving weekend, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Mondays and Thanksgiving Day. Free with Fernwood admission.

Wreath making station: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 28. Make a small decorative wreath for the holidays. All supplies including fresh greens from Fernwood's grounds will be available at an outdoor make-and-take station. Wreaths are approximately seven inches. Supplies are limited to only one wreath per visitor. Free with paid Fernwood admission.

Harbor Country Hikers

Green Friday: 2 p.m. Nov. 27 at Fernwood Botanical Garden. A two-hour hike will be led by Steve Bornell, Fernwood's facility and groundskeeper and an expert on the little things over time that contribute to a greener world. Fernwood's diverse 55 acres give rise to several natural communities, including dry and wet forests, young second-growth woods, streams and ponds and a reconstructed tallgrass prairie. Species of endangered or threatened Michigan plants and animals are protected in the preserve.

Zoom presentation: 7 p.m. Dec. 3. The presenter is Wendy Jones, a naturalist who has lived in the area since 1991 and has worked at Fernwood. She explores some of the amazing strategies that animals and plants have developed over time to survive winter in Michigan. The techniques include long migrations, months of hibernation and unique ways to cope with the harsh conditions. For more information, go to harborcountryhikers.com.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: Pier anglers are targeting steelhead and whitefish.

Grand Haven: Pier anglers reported the action as hit or miss for steelhead. Lake whitefish were caught along the channel when using small jigging spoons.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Is still producing some steelhead. Perch are starting to hit near the bridges in Petty's and Smith's bayous.

Muskegon: Lake whitefish are being caught along the channel when using jigging spoons that glow.

Muskegon Lake: Was producing some walleye, but the activity has slowed.

Muskegon River: Those fishing below Newaygo did manage to get a couple steelhead between Henning Park and the Bridgeton access site; however, fishing was tough. The few fish caught were taken on plugs.

Whitehall: Whitefish are being caught in the channel.

White Lake: Perch are being caught, and steelhead anglers are fishing the mouth of the river.

– Michigan DNR, Nov. 18

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A little sacrifice can go a long way

There's a pile of leaves outside my back door.

I can say that with confidence even though I *know* I just swept them up the other day. It's one of the places around my house that collects wind-swept items.

Andy Steinke

Every time the breeze blows, the wind fairy delivers a fresh pile to my doorstep.

I clean them up. They come back. I clean them up again. There they are a couple days later, like stink on a monkey.

I can't just leave them there for three reasons: 1) I don't want them to blow into the house, 2) the dog is afraid to step on them when they're dry and crunch and 3) soon there will be snow covering the patio, and the snow blower can't handle blocks of frozen leaves.

It feels like I'm banging my head against a wall, but I keep cleaning up the leaves to make life easier on Future Andy.

Future Andy doesn't want his wife complaining about leaves in the back entryway. Future Andy doesn't want the dog peeing in the house because the leaf pile has gotten too big for him to jump over. Future Andy doesn't want to sit in the garage fixing his broken snow blower this January when the temperature is below freezing.

So Present Andy makes the easy sacrifice of cleaning up the leaves.

In a way, it reminds me of 2020. A little personal sacrifice now could go a long way in helping Future Andy.

Does Present Andy enjoy wearing a face mask every time he's in public? No, it's hot.

Does Present Andy miss going out to breakfast on Sunday mornings? Absolutely.

Does Present Andy like being home all the time when he could be out doing things with his friends and family? Of course not.

But those are some of the sacrifices I'm willing to make now for life to be better later.

If you read Alexandra Newman's stories on A1 (I know it's easy to skip to the fun stuff in Focus, but go back and take a look), you'll see how bad the spread of COVID-19 has gotten in Berrien County.

When we thought things were bad earlier this spring and summer, new weekly cases of COVID-19 hit a one-week high of 120.

This week we had more than 1,000 new cases. It was the sixth week in a row that we tied or set a new weekly record.

I'm a sports fan, so I believe records are meant to be broken, but not this one. It's like having the record for "most years since winning the World Series." It's not one you're proud of.

By all accounts, a vaccine is coming soon, and could be ready for some people to take by the end of the year thanks to Operation Warp Speed (really, that's what it's called). But in the meantime, we need to slow this thing down, or our present selves will become our future selves – stuck wearing masks until 2022.

So make a little sacrifice – for me and for yourself. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. And socially distance.

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How to host a safe outdoor Thanksgiving this year

And decide if you should

By GRACE DICKINSON
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Thanksgiving is usually a time we cozy up around the dinner table and share food and stories with those we love. But given the pandemic, experts are recommending a change in holiday plans this year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers hosting people for a small outdoor dinner as moderately risky, as compared to low-risk activities like a virtual Thanksgiving or a dinner with only people who live in your household.

And with rising coronavirus rates, officials are advising families forego holiday gatherings altogether.

But if you do plan to do something, how should you think about the risk?

"This is a personal decision, and there are risk-versus-benefit calculations that people have to make," says Usama Bilal, epidemiologist and assistant professor at Drexel University. "I would strongly advise against any sort of indoor gathering, but I wouldn't necessarily advise against an outdoor one as long as you take the usual precautions: maintaining distance, wearing masks and limiting the number of people."

There are other tactics you can take, too, to make open-air festivities safer. But remember, masking up and social distancing generally remain your best defenses.

Here's how experts say to approach an outdoor Thanksgiving celebration.

Match your guest count to your yard size

The more people, the more risk you invite to the party. But just how small should you keep the guest list? The answer may depend on the size of your yard.

"Make sure the different households can be kept 6 feet apart," Bilal says.

Map out table and chair placements in advance, including a spacious area for the serving table.

Set ground rules early

Want to avoid Uncle Joe going in for that awkward welcome hug? Set some rules upfront to help minimize risky moments.

Beyond greeting etiquette, address mask usage, and also the level of precaution that's feasible for everyone in the weeks leading up.

Is self-quarantining an option? Can you limit unnecessary contact with strangers beforehand? Does this make socially distanced socializing off-limits? What about grocery store trips?

Let this be an open dialogue that weighs everyone's comfort levels surrounding risk. And include concrete rules on what to do if someone wakes up Thanksgiving morning feeling sick.

"Everyone should feel comfortable canceling right now," says Aimee Palumbo, epidemiologist and assistant professor at Temple University.

If you prefer to stay home all together, be honest with your family and let them know early on. Your explanation doesn't need to be lengthy. A simple "I really wish I could be there but don't feel comfortable joining this year" is enough and will help prevent opening up the topic for debate.

Plan mealtime for the lunch hour

It's not uncommon for late November temperatures to drop into the 40s. Fire up the grill (grilled turkey anyone?), and make the best of it by gathering during the warmest part of the day.

Everyone should come prepared to hang outside, which may mean bringing a few extra layers and a blanket.

See **OUTDOOR MEAL**, page C6

Apart but together: Tips for a cozier Zoom Thanksgiving

By KATIE WORKMAN
Associated Press

We all know Thanksgiving is going to look different this year. If you're lucky, you might live where the weather will still be nice and you have space to create an outdoor Thanksgiving with appropriate social distancing.

The rest of us are preparing for the fact that an in-person Thanksgiving with all of our loved ones is unlikely because of pandemic safety concerns. For us, 2020 will be the year of the Zoom Thanksgiving.

So how do we make that feel OK?

From shared menus to organized games and discussions, some planning and coordination can go a long way.

"The idea is to still feel unified in some way," Etsy trend expert Dayna Isom Johnson says.

Capturing the view

For once, electronic devices at the table are something to celebrate.

Think about how you will position your laptop or other device so those dining with you remotely can see as many people at your table as possible. This may involve changing the seating arrangements, putting more people on one side of the table than usual.

Your computer or phone might sit on a buffet, side table or the table itself. Move it around as the evening goes on.

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Maryanne Sullivan of Jersey City, N.J., plans to leave the head of the table empty and put her laptop there, while her Massachusetts-based brother does the same at his family's table. The effect, she says, will "be a continuation of one long table."

Feeding distant guests

If you want to celebrate with family who might be unable to cook for themselves, think about how to get Thanksgiving food to their home.

If they're nearby, drop things off well ahead of time; provide any necessary chilling, reheating or serving instructions so they can share the meal with you and not get lost in the preparations.

If your virtual guests are farther afield, consider ordering the meal from a restaurant to be delivered on Thanksgiving Day. Many restaurants will be creating Thanksgiving takeout or delivery menus, and you might be able to get the whole shebang delivered to your loved ones' door.

To personalize things further, see if a nearby caterer or restaurant might prepare specific recipes to be delivered.

Perhaps your Thanksgiving doesn't feel complete without Aunt Sue's roasted butternut squash, or your sister's famous streusel apple pie? This might still be possible, if budget allows.

Coordinating menus

To feel more connected, create a menu together with remote friends or family. Choose specific recipes, and at least everyone can be eating the same Parmesan roasted Brussels sprouts and scalloped sweet potatoes.

Let everyone contribute a favorite recipe, perhaps. Then, when someone on the Zoom screen says, "Wow, this is the best green bean casserole ever," you can heartily agree from your side of the internet.

Sullivan's family is picking two recipes to make in tandem with her brother so she can feel like "you're eating the same stuffing I'm eating."

They're also both laying in a supply of the same prosecco to make it feel celebratory.

"Even though this is a very unusual time, it's still a time we'll remember, and we want it to be filled with positive thoughtful memories," Isom Johnson says.

See **ZOOM**, page C2

PET OF THE WEEK

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CHURCH NOTES

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, will hold Thanksgiving worship services at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. The church's next Worship at the Cross service is at 10 a.m. today. The service, which is part of the church's Jesus Cares Ministry, is geared toward those with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Church Notes is a free listing, published each weekend as a public service. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures submitted should include names of those shown. Send items to: Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email to focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

VOLUNTEERS

An After School Experience

Youth Development Company/PAL is seeking volunteer tutors for its After School Experience. Volunteers should have a passion for working with children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Those who have an hour to help children with homework, tutor or lend an empathetic ear to someone who maybe had a rough day are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help foster families

Foster Closet of Michigan – Berrien County provides free items to foster families and children. The items help rebuild foster children's lives by giving them something to call their own, and it helps relieve some of the financial strain on foster parents.

Volunteers are needed to help open the closet's doors to the public. The closet is open twice a week for two hours.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Blood drive helpers

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Volunteers will provide a warm, friendly greeting to all donors, instruct and help with registration, explain the importance of blood donations, help schedule appointments, screen blood donors for health concerns, and offer refreshments and conversation.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health screeners

The Berrien County Health Department needs help as it brings back services.

The department has a health screening upon entry, and needs volunteers to help manage the station at the main entrance of its Benton Harbor office.

The station also provides face masks to those who arrive without one.

This is a no-contact position. Volunteers can maintain social distancing from others and personal protective equipment will be provided.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit **volunteer.uwsm.org.**

Feeding America

To make sure fresh, healthy food gets distributed quickly, Feeding America West Michigan developed the mobile food pantry.

Mobile pantries deliver fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help, and give a smile to those who are experiencing food insecurity.

For upcoming mobile food pantry dates and locations, visit www.feedwm.org.

To volunteer, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Military care

The American Red Cross Hero Care Network provides services to military members, veterans and their families around the world.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as sending emergency communications for deployed service members, communicating with families of newly enlisted service members, and referring veterans and their families to local programs.

Training will be provided, and volunteers can work remotely.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

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United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

How to enjoy Thanksgiving during a pandemic

Pat Arter
Generations

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday meal to cook. Everything is from scratch, and the house smells amazing for days.

My husband always rolls his eyes as I dig into the freezer at the store to find the biggest turkey available. I love leftovers, turkey sandwiches, and we always freeze some for soup.

My kids and grandkids look forward to this day. We eat way too much, and then sprawl out in the living room to watch football, and maybe take a nap. Sometimes we'll even play some card games. I smile when I think of my whole gang spread out everywhere. It's always a great day.

Fast-forward to 2020. Until a couple weeks ago, all systems were "go" for our traditional Thanksgiving. Then we were all reminded there's a virus out there. We had to come to terms with the fact that this Thanksgiving needed to look a little different.

Even the things we were doing that we thought would be OK we had to scale back. For the last couple months, I've had each of my granddaughters over once a week, separately. They can do their class work here, I get to enjoy their company, and my daughter gets a bit of a break.

Last weekend, I told my daughter we're going to pause those visits for a while, and that we would not have our traditional Thanksgiving Day together.

My kids know that is the right decision, but that doesn't make it any easier. I know we'll make up the time later, but still my heart hurts.

It's time for all of us to tighten our circles.

In an effort to stop feeling sorry for myself, I started thinking about alternatives to our tradition.

One thing I think is important for all of us, as we head into the holidays, is to change our expectations a bit. Maybe instead of turkey and all the trimmings, a couple of Cornish hens and a great salad. Donate money that you would have spent on the big dinner to a homeless shelter or use it to buy winter gear for those who can't afford it.

Think about what you can do, rather than what you can't.

Research the food pantries in your area. Make a list of what they need. Make a plan to drop off shelf-stable foods to a couple of them or donating money. Our family will be doing that before the holidays, and then again in January when supplies seem to dwindle.

Don't forget the dogs and cats. Shelters struggle year-round with having enough provisions for the animals, but particularly this time of year. You can have items shipped directly if you're not comfortable going in person.

Maybe plan a virtual dinner. Send everyone the same tablecloth so it "looks" like you are all sitting down to the same table. Exchange recipes so everyone can start learning the traditional dishes of the family. Have everyone find a picture from a holiday in the past and tell a story about it.

However you choose to celebrate, it can still feel like a holiday because you get to see the people you love the most. My husband and I will still be cooking turkey with all the trimmings! (I did mention how much I love leftovers!) We plan to video chat with all our kids and grands. I've been compiling silly jokes to share with the grandkids. They will love that.

Thanksgiving 2020 will be one to remember – not because of all the stuff we didn't get to do, but because of all the things we did together as a family. And the fact that we made an effort to stay connected.

I remain thankful.

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Finding thankfulness in 2020

Scott Reeve
Insights

Let's be honest, if you're like me, you never would've thought this year would've gone this way. We started 2020 like any other year, but then ...

For many, finding things to be thankful for in this year of uncertainty has been problematic. Maybe someone reading this has lost a job, has fought, or is fighting, an illness, or have had their world flipped upside down.

Despite all that's happened in 2020, I can say this – all of us can, if we look hard enough, find things to be thankful for.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, let us zero in on looking for things that can help us practice gratefulness. To help us get our bearings, we will use the Bible to guide us.

As a pastor and follower of Jesus, I look for direction and help from God when it comes to how to live, and it says much about being thankful.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 we're told to "give thanks in all circumstances ..." The writer of this letter to a church in the ancient city of Thessalonica was not overlooking the fact that there may be difficult circumstances in our lives, even some that we've faced in this interesting year.

When he encourages us to be thankful in all situations, it's to help us, not to turn a blind eye to the tough things that may have happened, or are happening, but to keep in mind that we have things to be thankful for, and there is a God who's aware of what's going on.

God never promised life would be easy. What he did promise is to walk with us through those challenging times.

Jesus understands how hard life can be. He had those who made it tough on him when he was on Earth. Yet he kept going, and was a picture of thankfulness amidst some interesting situations.

The point is this: God will not abandon those who are his. If anything, we can learn things about ourselves depending on how we respond to what's happening around us.

We can grow in character, for example. Maybe we're learning patience as we deal with people and circumstances. We can be thankful for personal development opportunities. This is true in the good and lean times. Growing as a person should never stop.

Life is full of decisions, isn't it? We choose who we want to marry. We choose, well, most of the time, the career we want to pursue. The same is true about life. We decide how we will respond to the good and not so good times that are a part of everyone's life.

So, it's a choice we make, to be thankful, to focus on the good things we have in life. Trust me, if we look hard enough, we can find them. Now, let's get specific.

First, we can be thankful for the people God has brought into our lives. Families, friends or others who have encouraged us along the way are ones we can be thankful for.

Here's something to help us in this. The writer to the Thessalonians – Paul – in another letter to a church in Philippi, told the people there that he thanked God as he thought of them. This had to be an encouragement to him and them.

Some of these were no doubt friends, people Paul knew and considered to be important in his life. And he told them so.

I would encourage you to take time to write a note, send an email, or make a call to simply say "thank you" to those who have been a positive influence in our life. It will mean something to them and you.

Second, a way to make thankfulness real in our lives is to invest in others. Believe it or not, when we help others, even in a small way, we are saying "thank you" that we can reach out beyond ourselves.

God gives people talents and abilities, and for those who are his children, spiritual gifts, as tools to extend to others a helping hand, to encourage, serve and teach.

When we make ourselves push beyond the roughness of 2020, and choose to help others, it does something for us. We become more positive and gracious, and it reminds us that we're all walking life's journey together.

Sometimes the best thing we can do when we're feeling overwhelmed by life is to look for others to help. It brings refreshment to our soul.

Third, we can be thankful, if we are a follower of Jesus, that God loves us. That relationship we have with the God of the universe, his care and concern that he showers on us, is something to be thankful for.

And let's be clear on this. I believe God loved the world (that means everyone who has set foot on this planet) so much that he gave his Son to die, be buried, and rise from the dead. He promises eternal life to anyone who receives Jesus by faith, and he promises his presence with us always when we're his children.

I'm constantly learning that God's love for us who are his is unconditional, consistent and full of grace. And in 2020 we have needed that.

I'm thankful for God's unchanging character while the world has spun seemingly at times out of control. When things are rapidly changing around us, I can count on God to be steady in word and character.

Let's take time to be thankful. And to all reading this, happy Thanksgiving.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Scott Reeve, senior pastor of Oakridge Community Church in St. Joseph. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each weekend in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

ZOOM

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Send out the same cocktail-making kit or cheese boxes for everybody in advance, she suggests.

Matching cheese boards on Zoom? Very 2020.

Setting the stage

While many of us take care to set a nice table for the holiday, and perhaps create a seasonal centerpiece, this is a good year to take it up a notch to warm the homes of everyone celebrating with us virtually.

"There will be a lot more attention to detail with things like personalized name tags and fancy pieces of beautiful dinnerware and glasses, and all the bells and whistles of a very special, fancy dinner," Isom Johnson predicts.

For the tech savvy, she also recommends creating a family holiday Zoom background for everyone. It could involve rotating or fixed images, perhaps of a childhood home, previous family gatherings, past vacations. Let the teens or millennials in your house take on this task.

Another good task for the younger set: creating a shared playlist.

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A Thanksgiving spread with hot spinach and mushroom dip, turkey, cornbread stuffing and sauteed Brussels sprouts is shown in 2017. A meal like this can be cooked and readied to be enjoyed in multiple homes and connected via Zoom, or virtually, during this year's Thanksgiving holiday.

Joint activities

Games are a great way to connect and spark conversation. There are personalized, online bingo and card games for a crowd and many board games work well over screens. You can have some lively Scattergories games via Zoom if you send everyone the word lists ahead of time, and a few rounds of virtual charades are easy.

Think about coordinating a pre-Thanksgiving nonperishable food drop-off to the local pantry. Everyone can share in the good feelings that come with making sure others have enough to eat.

And especially in these difficult times, psychologists say that finding things for which to feel grateful can lift your mood. Before the holiday, ask everyone to write down one or more things they feel thankful for, large or small. Put them in a bowl or in an online chat, and during or after the meal take turns reading your own or others.

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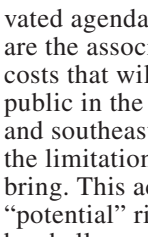
Why forgiving student debt is a bad idea

Jonah Goldberg



One good rule of thumb is to judge parties and politicians by their priorities. Politicians often pretend to be for every good thing under the sun, so the best way to judge them is to look at which things they actually work to achieve or spend political capital on. This will tell you not only what they're really for, but which constituents they really care about.

By that metric, it will be very revealing if one of Joe Biden's first actions as president will be to forgive student debt.

That's an idea swirling around Democratic circles – particularly among the progressive base, which is worried that Biden might actually mean all that centrist and moderate stuff he said during the campaign. The base turned out for Biden, and now they want their pay-off – literally so, in the case of massive debt forgiveness.

Last week, a coalition of 236 progressive groups led by teachers unions called on Biden to cancel student debt on his first days at the office.

Biden himself has already urged Congress to cancel $10,000 as part of a pandemic relief package.

Sens. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren have called for even greater debt forgiveness. Sanders' plan would cost an estimated $1.6 trillion dollars.

I think it's a bad policy, and bad politics.

Let's start with the policy: As economists on the left and right will tell you, the economic cratering caused by the pandemic is not like a typical recession. In normal times, bailing out failing businesses is a bad idea because, among other things, it creates what economists call "moral hazard" – incentivizing bad decisions people make when they think someone else (i.e., taxpayers) will pick up the tab.

A restaurant that was profitable before COVID-19 hit did nothing wrong. Trying to keep such businesses, and their employees afloat during the pandemic, which Washington did on a bipartisan basis, was a good idea.

Proponents of loan forgiveness are claiming this is just like that. Well, before the pandemic no one was calling for a mass bailout of small businesses, but lots of progressives were calling for student debt cancellation.

In other words, they think the pandemic is a crisis that shouldn't go to waste.

That doesn't automatically mean they're wrong, but it doesn't make them right either. Student loan forgiveness, even according to formulae that exclude the very well-off, has very few broader economic benefits. As Jason Furman (Barack Obama's chair for the Council of Economic Advisors) notes, debt forgiveness would be taxable – which would cut into any stimulative effect on the economy.

Think about it this way: If you only have $1.5 trillion to spend, what policy would help the most people actually struggling right now? I don't think canceling student loans would rank in the top 20.

Which brings me to the politics. Most Americans, especially most poor Americans, don't have student debt, because most of them didn't go to college in the first place. Moreover, most people who did go to college have no or very little student debt. According to the liberal-leaning Brookings Institution, roughly 30 percent of undergrads have none. Another 25 percent have up to $20,000 in loans.

Despite what you may have heard about the student debt crisis, only 6 percent of borrowers owe more than $100,000. Virtually all of them borrowed so much because they attended graduate school.

You can argue that people who choose to get graduate degrees – including many young doctors, lawyers and engineers in training – deserve relief. But do they deserve help more than truck drivers, mechanics or short-order cooks? Heck, do they deserve relief more than the doctors, lawyers and engineers who chose to pay off their loans?

One reason teachers unions – a huge source of donations and political organizing for the Democratic Party – want loan forgiveness is that teachers and administrators can boost their pay by going back to school to get advanced degrees. Other municipal and federal workers – another major constituency for Democrats – have similar rules. Whether or not you think that's a good overall policy (I don't), using the pandemic as an excuse to reward workers who are far less likely to lose their jobs and more likely to find new employment if they do, seems awfully self-serving.

The popularity of this idea stems from the fact that the Democratic Party has increasingly become the party of educated professionals, as the GOP has become more working class. Lots of poor people are still Democrats, but they aren't a major source of power within the party – the bureaucrats claiming to speak for them are. And that's who Democrats are prioritizing.

Jonah Goldberg is editor-in-chief of The Dispatch and the host of The Remnant podcast.

LETTERS

Nuclear waste is biggest threat to Great Lakes

Editor,

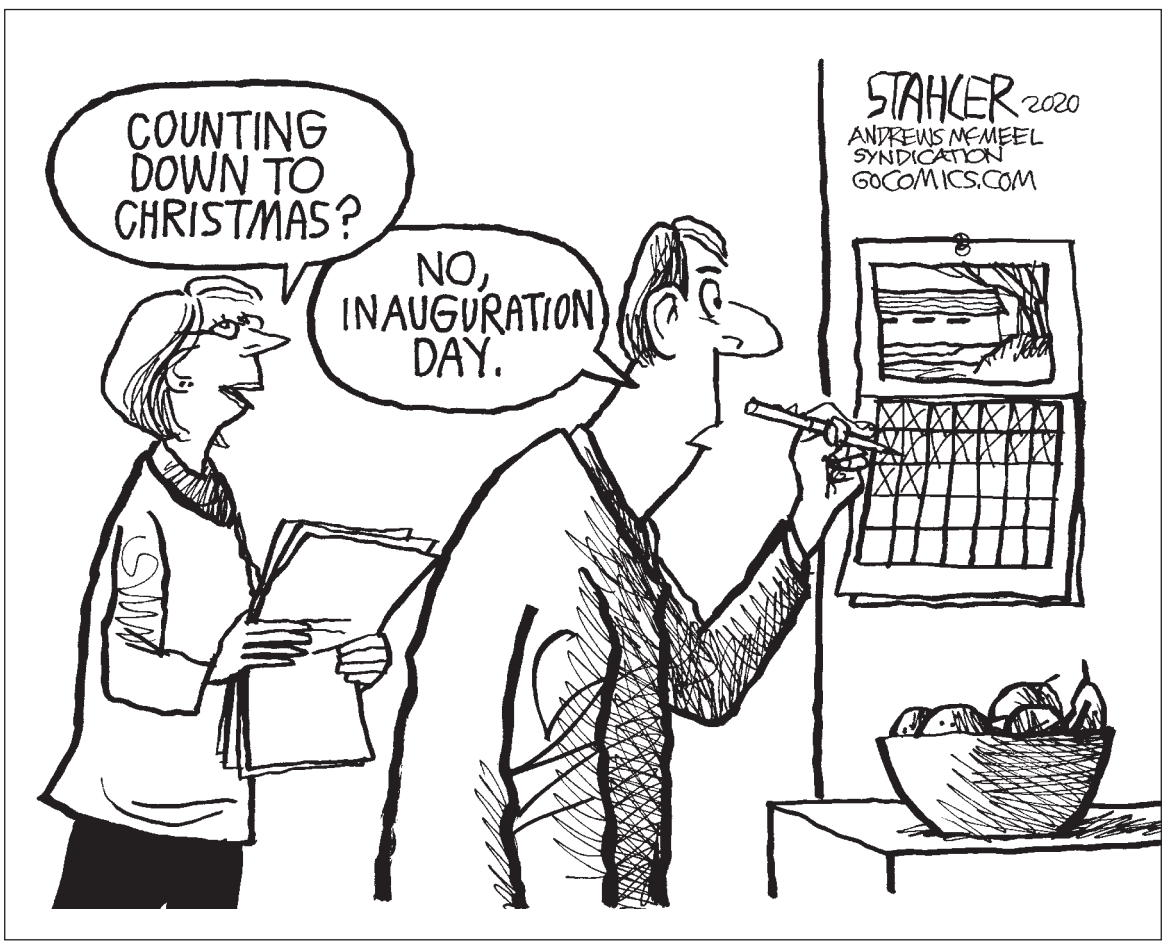
Our governor's recent efforts to shut down the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline is yet another example of excess public funds being directed to a politically motivated agenda. Well documented are the associated spill-over costs that will be borne by the public in the Upper Peninsula and southeastern Michigan from the limitations the closure may bring. This action is to offset a "potential" risk that can and will be challenged in court for years.

The governor's actions are legitimized for addressing the risks of a potential tragic oil spill that could have lasting environmental and economic consequences for several years. (So why is this same administration actively blocking advancement of the tunnel construction plan established in 2018 to mitigate said risks?)

As residents along the shores of Lake Michigan near two nuclear power plants, we might ask a simple question: Why go after a five-year threat versus a five-generation threat? Where is the priority to address the critical timebomb risk of stockpiled nuclear waste only a few hundred of yards from the shores that threaten to ruin the world's largest fresh water resource for generations?

Enough of this administration wasting excessive public funds in court battles over one pipeline. Protect our Great Lakes from the true devastating risk of nuclear radiation pollution. At least consider moving the waste away from the lakes as the PCB contaminated cattle were to Mio in the early '70s. If the nuclear waste storage is safe, let it be safe away from the world's most precious fresh water resource.

Jim Ollis
Stevensville



Trump dangerously trying to delegitimize democracy

Editor,

What Trump and Fox News are doing to this election, is pathetic, shameful and dangerous. After giving up on the virus, once again they are using lies and lawyers to poison and undermine our Democracy, having a corrosive effect on the foundation of our free and fair elections.

It comes as no surprise for the most corrupt incompetent president in history. Trump is a spoiled, narcissistic child who, if he doesn't get his candy, is willing to burn down the store. His claims of voter fraud are pathetic, baseless and being laughed out of court. Remember he claimed voter fraud when he lost Iowa to Ted Cruz in the primaries. Now he got beat by the same number of electoral votes he claimed over and over was a landslide victory against Hillary.

Trump was laying the groundwork for a fight if he lost, weeks before the election, saying mail-in voting would be fraudulent and claiming the election is rigged against him if he loses. Trump did the same thing in 2016 when he thought he would lose. Now the league of liars at Fox News who said Democrats were cry babies and sore losers and want to steal the election in court in 2016, are doing a 180 helping Trump do the same.

Hillary conceded after losing and called Trump to congratulate him, something Trump's ego could never deal with. He's a loser who still cries he won no matter what happens to the country. The cowardly Republicans in the Senate are still scared to death of him. They care more about a bad tweet from him than they do about our democracy; it's despicable, and they should be ashamed of themselves.

Trump's own DHS has said this election was the most secure election in history, every state's counting facilities have cameras everywhere votes were counted. There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes or was in any way compromised. This election wasn't even close in any state. Trump lost, deal with it. By the way, how much voter fraud was there in states that Trump won? None of course. It's time for Trump supporters to wake up and smell what Trump is shoveling.

Tim Pullins
Stevensville

Trump to Michiganders: You don't matter

Editor,

I wrote to The HP in May about how President Trump did not deserve the votes of Michiganders nor did he care for the state itself. It is evident that my instincts were correct, and Michigan voted for the respectable and human – and of course, flawed – candidate in President-elect Joe Biden. But the past two weeks should be incredibly jarring to any American and to any Michigander, as President Trump's outright contempt for the state and the country has reached levels unbecoming of a normal American – and unthinkable for a sitting president.

After relentlessly attacking Michigan's government in May, he escalated his rhetoric, calling for Gov. Whitmer's imprisonment while failing to provide any tangible assistance to Americans suffering from COVID-19. He thinks 250,000 dead Americans is a major success for him, and he still takes no responsibility for the federal government's bungled inaction against the disease. As cases reach all-time highs and deaths – the loss of real, American lives – skyrocket, the president rages on Twitter. He refuses to believe that he could possibly lose, as he occupies a self-promoting, hateful bubble of narcissism which clouds his vision on everything from electoral politics to a pandemic strategy.

Think about how he has treated Michigan since his loss. His Twitter feed is an unhinged attack on the city of Detroit. He pulls deranged claims of fraud from whichever random, similarly-minded Twitter uses will offer them up first. He asserts that Detroit is a failure and engaged in a fantastical conspiracy to defeat him. Never mind the fact that he received more votes in Detroit in 2020 than 2016, but this doesn't slide neatly into his narrative. Never mind that Oakland County lurched 6 percent toward Biden (Berrien County itself swung toward Biden by 5 percent). It simply does not matter: Trump believed Michigan would support him unconditionally, but the state recognizes incompetence and neglect when it sees it.

Which makes me wonder, has the president ever been to Detroit? Does he know Michigan's history? Can he grasp the pride and determination of the state? He clearly does not, as he uses Michigan as a scapegoat for his failed campaign and his failed presidency. He has no respect for any of us. He thinks we are engaged in perpetual fraud and believes that our voices should not be heard.

This is a New York City millionaire who does not know this country. America is an abstract thing to him, one more pedestal for him to bask in the golden light of fame. But America is not abstract – she is a living, breathing being that is slowly dying from sickness and from lies. Trump's refusal to concede an election that he lost not only tarnishes the nation's history, but it endangers the lives of Americans suffering from COVID-19 by leaving the incoming Biden administration in the dark.

But we must have resilience, roar past this broken man, and fight for a united America, for a restored America.

Carter Welch
Stevensville

Trump dishonors the U.S.; Whitmer honors Michigan

Editor,

We are watching a toxic president refuse to admit he lost his bid for the presidency twice. In 2016 he lost the popular vote, but the unrepresentative Electoral College enabled him to achieve a "win." This year Joe Biden, the president-elect, not only won the popular vote, but also took the Electoral College.

Now is the time for a concession speech; not the rantings of a would-be dictator. It will be so refreshing for us to see a leader, President Joe Biden, who is interested in and who will be able to understand the COVID briefings.

In our local county prior to the election we watched some very misleading ads created by outside PACs. When these tactics worked and the races were lost by slim margins, the concessions were made with grace and humility. This is the democratic way of America. We honor our poll workers and we honor the vote. Soon, with the end of gerrymandering, our districts will create a more equitable voting system. We hope the future will bring an end to dishonest attack ads in our political campaigns.

Our governor is trying every way possible to keep our death rate from COVID in check, yet the Republican led state Legislature is blocking any path for health safety during a pandemic! Where is the outcry against the thugs who have taken over our statehouse because they must go to war over the horror of wearing a mask to protect their neighbors?

Why aren't Republican legislators even attempting to curb the job loss in our county? Why aren't they concerned about the increasing death rates? Safety measures and financial plans should be front and center in every speech, but we hear nothing of any consequence from them; only pushback against the CDC guidelines and any attempt by our governor to help keep us safe (even putting her life on the line to do it.)

The honor should begin at the top. We have not had and are not seeing honor from the president. I would like to see some from our local politicians.

America first, please.

Cynthia Miller
Benton Harbor

Will Trump be carried from the Oval Office?

Editor,

On Dec. 27, 1944, Sewell Avery, head of Montgomery Ward, was carried from his office by uniformed National Guard. He had refused to relinquish his position in defiance of President Roosevelt's wartime policies.

Could that scenario be repeated if our current president doesn't "relinquish" his concerns regarding voting irregularities?

Larry Blyly
Hartford

People who are free can take a knee

Editor,

Regarding the Nov. 12 letter, "Kneeling for anthem showed disrespect," submitted by Dick and Shirley Moeckel of Coloma, I would like to add my thoughts on the subject.

I don't see the connection between paying taxes to support education and suppressing others' freedom of speech. I know why so many people want to come to the USA. The main reason is to obtain the right to protest things they don't agree with. Being a Vietnam veteran, I do not agree with what the students did, but I will defend the right to kneel.

Andy Burch
St. Joseph

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BEETLE BAILEY

I WANT YOU TO PICK UP MY JEEP FROM THE REPAIR SHOP
AND IT BETTER COME BACK WITHOUT A SCRATCH OR ELSE!
DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS OVERKILL?
IT'S BETTER THAN BEING KILLED!
GREG + MORT WALKER
11/21

BLONDIE

DO YOU ENJOY BEING A PROFESSIONAL HOUSE PAINTER?
YOU BET! IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE COMPARED TO MY PREVIOUS JOB
YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW MONOTONOUS IT WAS BEING AN OFFICE MANAGER FOR TWENTY BORING YEARS!
MY GOODNESS, IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE COULD USE A NICE PIECE OF CAKE!
11-21

HI & LOIS

YOU PROMISED ME YOU WOULD RAKE LEAVES THIS AFTERNOON.
DON'T TRY TO MAKE ME FEEL GUILTY. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN PLAYING GOLF ALL DAY.

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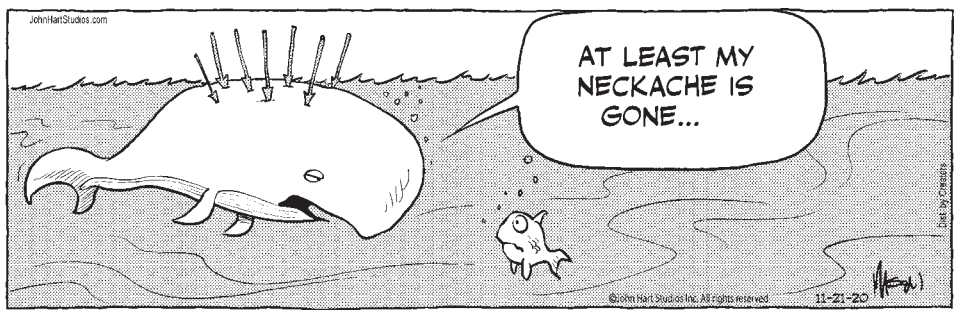

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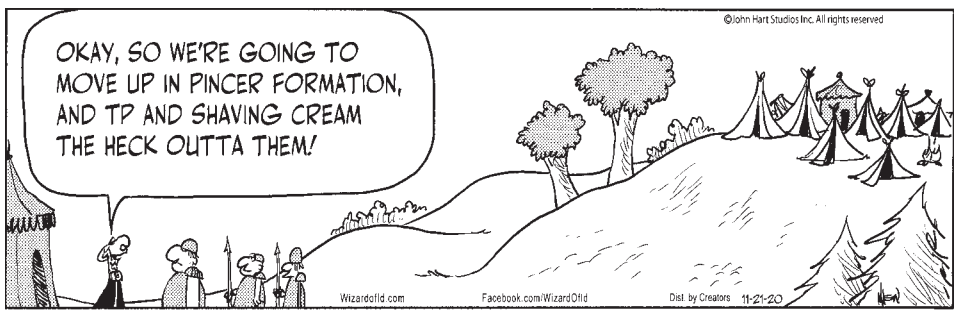
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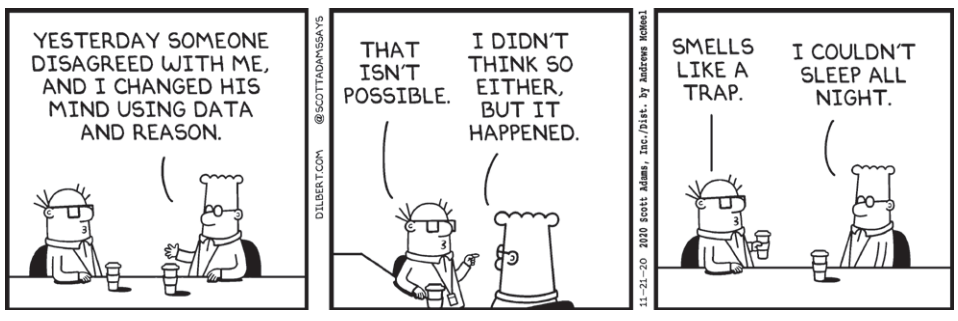
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THAT ISN'T POSSIBLE.
I DIDN'T THINK SO EITHER, BUT IT HAPPENED.
SMELLS LIKE A TRAP.
I COULDN'T SLEEP ALL NIGHT.
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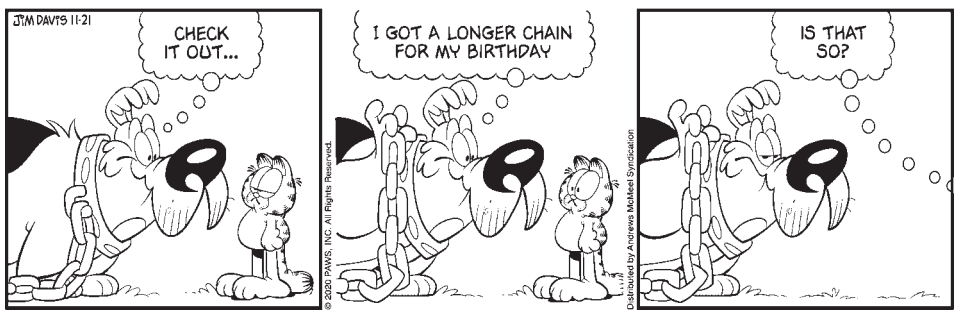
JIM DAVIS 11-21
CHECK IT OUT...
I GOT A LONGER CHAIN FOR MY BIRTHDAY
IS THAT SO?
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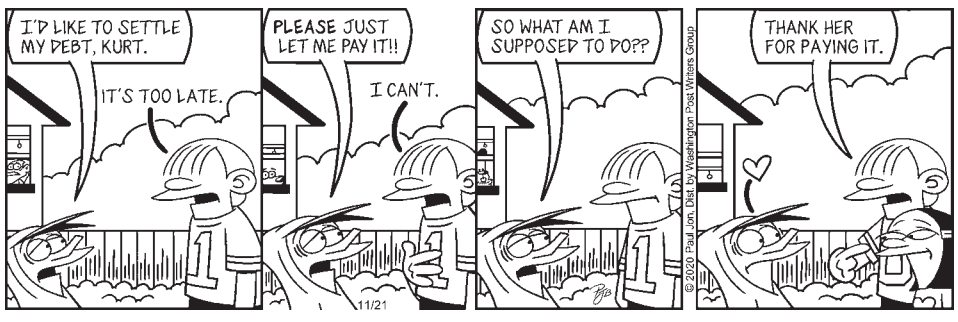
I'D LIKE TO SETTLE MY DEBT, KURT.
IT'S TOO LATE.
PLEASE JUST LET ME PAY IT!!
I CAN'T.
SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO??
THANK HER FOR PAYING IT.
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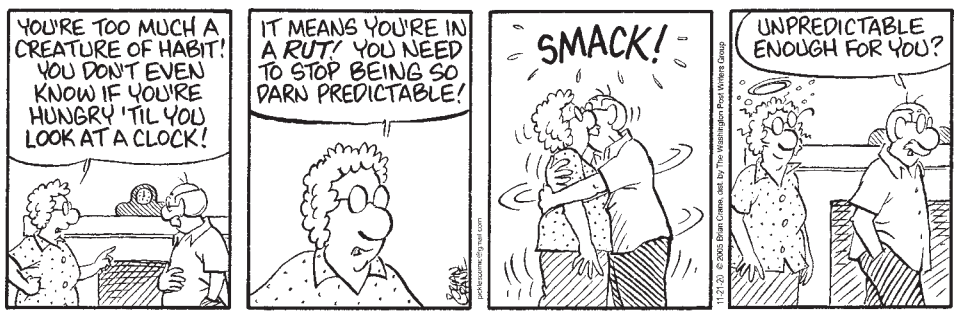
YOU'RE TOO MUCH A CREATURE OF HABIT! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF YOU'RE HUNGRY 'TIL YOU LOOK AT A CLOCK!
IT MEANS YOU'RE IN A RUT! YOU NEED TO STOP BEING SO DARN PREDICTABLE!
SMACK!
UNPREDICTABLE ENOUGH FOR YOU?
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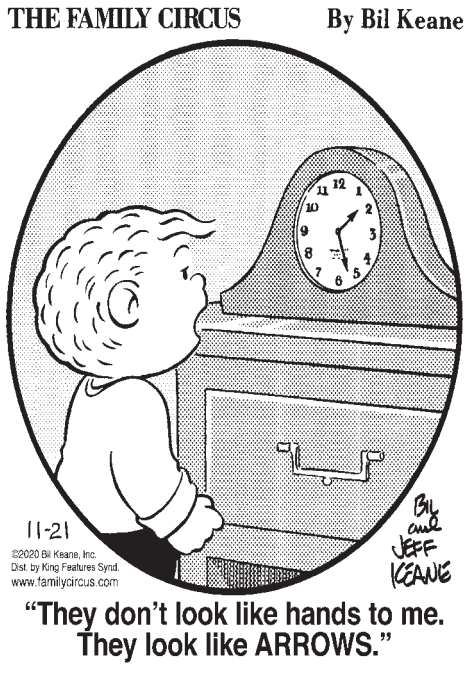
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"They don't look like hands to me. They look like ARROWS."

DENNIS THE MENACE

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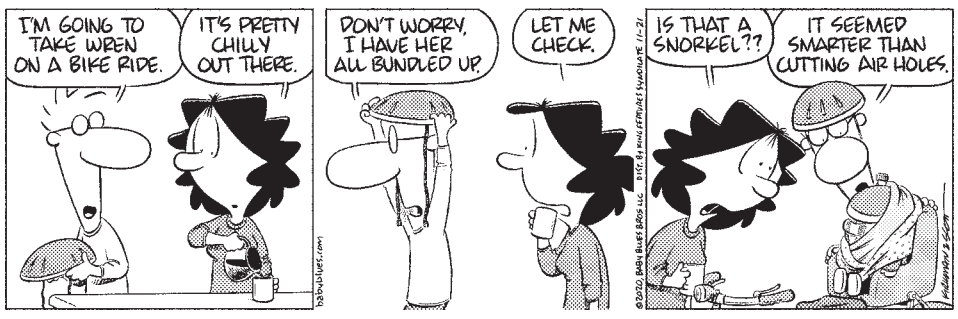
I'M GOING TO TAKE WREN ON A BIKE RIDE.
IT'S PRETTY CHILLY OUT THERE.
DON'T WORRY, I HAVE HER ALL BUNDLED UP.
LET ME CHECK.
IS THAT A SNORKEL??
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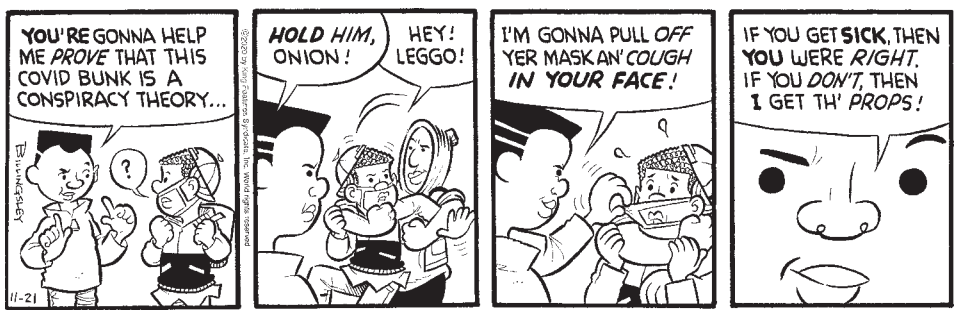
YOU'RE GONNA HELP ME PROVE THAT THIS COVID BUNK IS A CONSPIRACY THEORY...
HOLD HIM, ONION!
HEY! LEGGO!
I'M GONNA PULL OFF YER MASK AN' COUGH IN YOUR FACE!
IF YOU GET SICK, THEN YOU WERE RIGHT. IF YOU DON'T, THEN I GET TH' PROPS!
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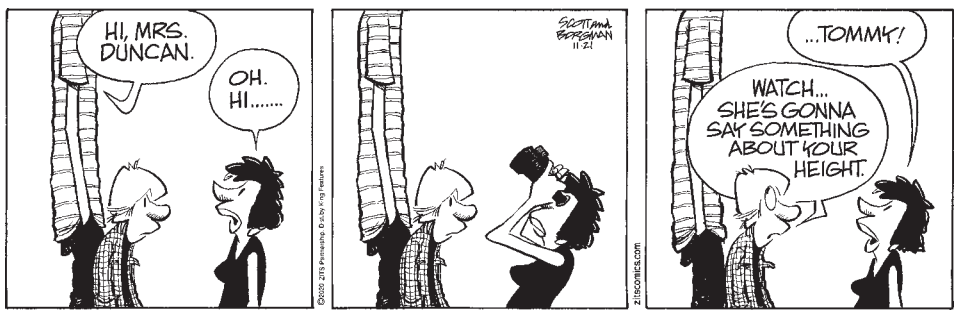

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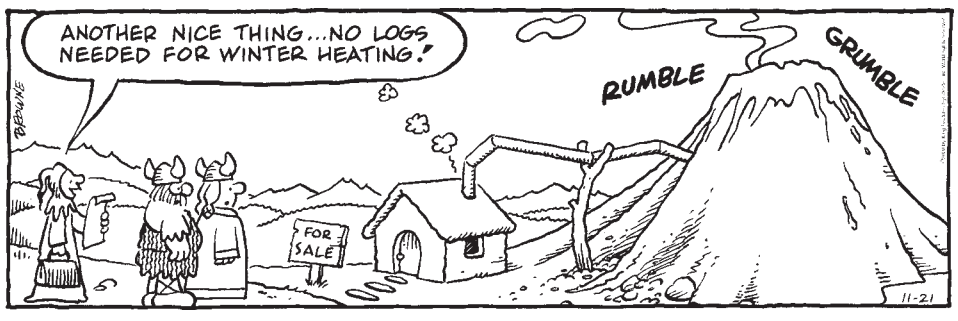

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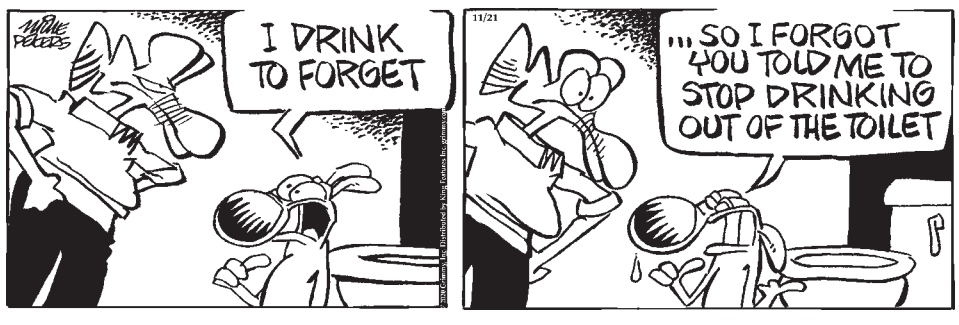

MUTTS

SALLY FORTH

WELL, IT'S DONE. I DECORATED THE GARAGE FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER.
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UM, THAT LOOKS... FESTIVE.
NO, THAT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE THROWING A FAREWELL PARTY FOR OUR CARS.
ACTUALLY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU FIRED THE CARS BUT YOU'RE SPINNING IT AS A FAREWELL PARTY FOR COMPANY MORALE.
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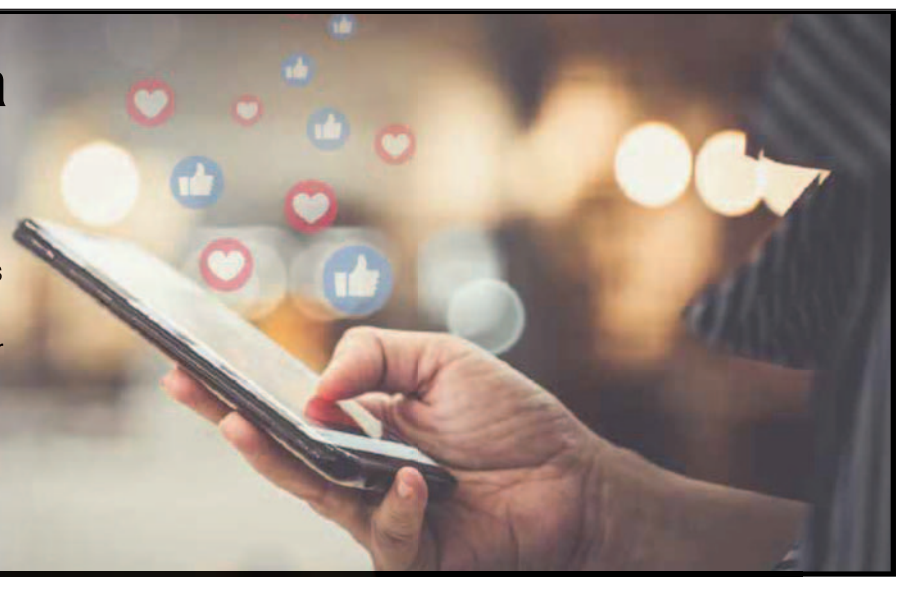

PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING NOV. 21

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	**College Football** Oklahoma State at Oklahoma. From Gaylord Family - Oklahoma Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla. (N) (L)						
CBS (2)(3)(22)	**News**	**NCIS: New Orleans** "Relentless"		**48 Hours** CC		**48 Hours** (N) CC	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	**Ac. Hollywood**	📽 ★★★ **The Croods** ('13, Children's) Voices of Nicolas Cage, Emma Stone. CC				**Saturday Night Live** (N) CC	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	**Update**	**College Football** Arizona at Washington. From Husky Stadium in Seattle. (N) (L)					
PBS (34)	**Lawrence Welk**	**As Time Goes By**	**As Time Goes By**	**Antiques Roadshow** (Part 2 of 3) CC		**Frankie Drake Mysteries** CC (DVS)	
CW (25)	**Big Bang Theory**	**Mike & Molly**	**Mike & Molly**	**Seinfeld** CC	**Seinfeld** CC	**News**	**Friends** CC
MNT (50)	**Graham Bensinger**	**Dateline** "Who Killed the Radio Star?"		**Dateline** "Deadly Conspiracy" CC		**Storm of Suspicion**	
WCIU (26)	**Family Guy**	**Whose Line Is It?**	**Whose Line Is It?**	**Penn & Teller: Fool Us** CC		**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**
WHME (46)	:00 **Heartland**	**Heartland** "Our Sons and Daughters"		**Murdoch Mysteries** CC (DVS)		**Murdoch Mysteries** "Free Falling"	
WGN (9)	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**Friends** CC	**WGN Weekend News at Nine** (N)	
A&E	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	:01 **Storage Wars**	:32 **Storage Wars**
AMC	**Four Chris**	📽 ★★★ **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** ('89) Chevy Chase. CC				**National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation**	
Animal	**Dr. Jeff**	**Dr. Jeff: RMV**		**Dr. Jeff: RMV**		**Mega Zoo** (N)	
BET	**Acrimony**	📽 ★ **Traffik** ('18) Paula Patton. (P). CC					**Friend Re**
Big Ten	**College Football** Michigan at Rutgers. (N) (L) CC						**B1G Live**
Bravo	**Southern Charm**	📽 ★★ **Sweet Home Alabama** ('02, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. CC					**Sweet Home**
Cartoon	**Teen Titans: Trouble**		**Gumball**	**Burgers**	**American**	**American**	**Rick**
Cinemax	:45 📽 ★★ **Rambo** ('08, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Julie Benz. CC				:20 📽 ★★★ **8 Mile** ('02) Eminem, Kim Basinger. CC		
CMT	:00 📽 ★★★ **A League of Their Own** ('92) CC					**The Longest Yard**	
CNBC	**Boss**	**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss**		**Undercover Boss**	
CNN	**Situation**	**Situation Room**		**Situation Room**		**First Ladies** CC	
Comedy	**We Mill**	📽 ★★ **Step Brothers** ('08) Will Ferrell.				**South Park** CC	
Discovery	:00 **Dirty Jobs**	**Dirty Jobs** Crush abandoned boats.		**Dirty Jobs** "Barber's Assistant" CC		**Dirty Jobs** "Bug Detective" CC	
Disney	**Big City**	**Special**	**Big City**	**Big City**	**Big City**	**Avengers**	**Big City**
DIY	**Maine**	**Maine Cabin Masters**		**Maine Cabin Masters**		**Maine Cabin Masters**	
E!	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**	**Chrisley**
ESPN	:00 **College Football** Tennessee at Auburn. (N) CC					**Scores**	**Football**
ESPN2	6:30 **UFC 255: Figueiredo vs. Perez - Prelims** (N) (L)					**College Football**	
ESPNC	**Basket**	**College Basketball** CC				**College Basketball**	
Food	**Diners**	**Food Truck Race**		**Food Truck Race**		**Food Truck Race**	
Fox News	**Life**	**Watters' World** (N)		**Justice With Jeanine**		**Greg Gutfeld**	
Fox Sports	**College Football** Liberty at NC State. (N) (L)						
Freefrm	6:40 📽 ★★ **Despicable Me 3** ('17)	:45 📽 ★★ **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** ('00, Children's) Jim Carrey, Jeffrey Tambor. CC					
FX	5:30 📽 **Sing** ('16)	📽 ★★★ **Trolls** ('16, Children's) Voices of Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake. CC				📽 ★★★ **Trolls** ('16, Children's) CC	
Golf	**Central**	**PGA Tour Golf** RSM Classic, Third Round. CC					
Hallmark	**Timeless Cmas**	📽 **A Nashville Christmas Carol** ('20) Jessy Schram, Wes Brown. (P). CC				📽 **Christmas in Vienna** ('20) CC	
HBO	5:45 📽 **Battleship**	**Between the World and Me** (N) CC			:25 📽 ★★ **Underwater** ('20) Kristen Stewart. (P). CC		
History	:00 **History's Greatest Mysteries**			**History's Greatest Mysteries** (N) CC			
HGTV	**Fixer to**	**Should I Stay or Go**		**Should I Stay or Go**		:01 **Fixer Upper**	
Learning	**Addiction**	**I Love a Mama's Boy**		**I Love a Mama's Boy**		**I Love a Mama's Boy**	
Lifetime	**Tast Christmas**	📽 **Feliz NaviDAD** ('20, Romance) Mario Lopez, Paulina Chávez. (P). CC				:03 📽 **Christmas Unwrapped** ('20) CC	
MSNBC	**Voices**	**Week-Johnson**		**Week-Johnson**		**American Voices**	
MTV	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**	**Ridic.**
NBCSCH	**Bensinger**	**Madden America**		**World Class Championship Boxing**			
NFL	6:00 **NFL Football** CC			**NFL Football** CC			
Nick	**Danger**	**Danger**	**Hustle**	**Substitute**	**Astro**	**Friends**	**Friends**
NGEO	**Drugs,**	**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**		**Drugs, Inc.: The Fix**	
Oxygen	:00 **Snapped**	**Snapped** "Ghazal Mansury" CC		**Snapped** "Shanda Crain" CC		**Snapped** Corrections officer killed in home.	
Parmt	**Yellowst.**	**Yellowstone** CC		:02 **Yellowstone**		:04 **Yellowstone**	
Showtime	:00 **The Reagans**	**The Good Lord Bird** "Last Words" CC		📽 ★★★ **First Reformed** ('17) Ethan Hawke, Amanda Seyfried. (P). CC			
Starz	★★ **The Beach**	**In The Long Run**	:25 **The Cult of the Family** CC		:25 **The Spanish Princess** CC		**The Mortician**
STZENC	:14 📽 ★ **The Intruder** ('19, Suspense) Michael Ealy. CC			📽 ★★★ **The Thomas Crown Affair** ('99) Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo. CC			
SyFy	5:00 📽 ★★★ **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**			8:55 📽 ★★★ **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban** ('04) Daniel Radcliffe.			
TBS	:00 📽 ★★★ **Shrek 2** ('04) Voices of Mike Myers.			**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**
TCM	**The Front Page** ('74)	📽 ★★★★ **2001: A Space Odyssey** ('68) Keir Dullea. Stanley Kubrick's groundbreaking space saga.					**THX 1138 Dir.**
TMC	:00 📽 ★★ **S.W.A.T.** ('03, Action) Samuel L. Jackson. CC			📽 **Hood Rat** ('01, Horror) Isaiah Washington. (P). CC			📽 **Dead Ant**
TNT	**A Madea Christmas**			📽 ★ **Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas**			
Travel	**Ghost**	**Ghost Nation** CC		**Ghost Nation** (N)		**Destination Fear** (N)	
TV Land	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two and a Half Men**		**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**
USA	**Twi-light-Dawn**	📽 ★★ **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** ('12) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. (P). CC					**Twilight Saga-2**
VH1	**Coming to America**		📽 ★★ **Class Act** ('92) Christopher Reid. CC				
WGN-A	:00 **Blue Bloods**	**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC		**NewsNation** (N) (L) CC	

Ring presented at engagement ceremony is unhappy surprise

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: When my then-boyfriend asked me to marry him, he didn't have a ring ready, but I happily accepted his proposal. We were in our late 20s and had been dating for almost 10 years. He then took me to the jewelry store so I could select one to my taste and liking (within budget). We took a picture of the ring, and he told me he would bring his mother back to the jewelry shop with him so she could help with the price haggling.

A week later, he told me he had made the purchase and we both couldn't wait for our engagement ceremony as we took the next step in our relationship. On that day, to my surprise, the ring he put on my finger wasn't the one I had selected. However, in front of his family, my family and probably 40 guests, I pretended nothing happened.

I wasn't happy at all and told him later, in private, that it wasn't the ring I chose. His answer was, his mother thought this one would look better (in my opinion, cheaper and tackier) than the one I liked and that I was overreacting. I told him that had he not taken me shopping, I would have appreciated any ring he bought. He brushes me off when I try to discuss it. Why did he take me and then disregard my opinion? Am I overreacting, Abby? – Fooled In California

DEAR FOOLED: You are not overreacting. Your fiance's mother had a lot of nerve. She apparently rules the roost and chose that occasion to assert herself. Worse, it appears her son values her opinion over yours. He owes you an apology.

If this happened recently and you are not yet married to this prize, the two of you should consider making a return trip to that jeweler. Hopefully, this scenario won't be repeated with the selection of the wedding rings.

DEAR ABBY: My husband was a drug addict 18 years ago. It was a very hard time for us; he went through rehab and we almost divorced. Fast-forward: He has been doing well, and we still have our problems, but he hasn't used heavy drugs for 17 years. To calm his anxiety, he just has an occasional drink or uses CBD oils.

My sister-in-law told me last weekend that my sister told our son (who was 17 at the time) about my husband's drug issues when he was younger. We always kept my husband's past quiet, feeling that we would have that conversation with our son eventually, when we were ready.

I'm furious that she told him. It should have been our choice, not hers. She has violated my trust. There has been a lot of animosity between my husband and my sister in the past, so I am sure she did it out of spite. I am so upset I am afraid I'll explode and ruin the tenuous relationship I have with her. Also, my husband will probably want to disown her for this betrayal. What do you suggest? – Betrayed In South Carolina

DEAR BETRAYED: If your sister knew you wanted to keep this from your son until he was older, she did betray your trust. Once you have calmed down, talk to her, ask if what you were told is true, and if it is, why she would do such a thing. Once you have all the facts, your husband must be told the cat is out of the bag so the two of you can decide whether you want to continue a relationship with this sister. And because a predisposition toward addiction can run in a family, have that long-overdue talk with your son about it.

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Long-distance boyfriend won't offer to split travel

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: My boyfriend and I are long-distance. He lives in the nicer apartment and more exciting city, so nine times out of 10 – about once every two weeks – I drive five hours each way to visit him.

I am always glowy and happy about these visits, so it's taken me months to realize I'm spending a fortune on gas and going to work exhausted after each return trip, not to mention falling behind on my housework and forgoing a social life at home.

I mentioned this to my boyfriend, never dreaming his response would be anything other than, "Oops! We'll start splitting the visits."

Instead he launched into a campaign about why his city is better and it's clear he has no intention of visiting *me* more than every four to six months.

Suddenly I am less excited about my upcoming visit and the drive, tolls, etc. Now what? We are both committed to the relationship; I want to give it a chance. – Long-Distance

DEAR LONG-DISTANCE: Why? He just totally dismissed your effort and hardship, and prioritized his own fun and convenience. He sounds like a terrible long-term investment.

REGARDING LONG DISTANCE: The point of the visit isn't the city, it is to spend time with your significant other. It sounds like the boyfriend wants it all without effort.

P.S. I'm a guy, I would never do this to somebody I cared about and wanted to see. – Guy

DEAR GUY: Thank you, Guy.

DEAR CAROLYN: I prefer the room temperature to be a bit cooler in winter and warmer in the summer than my partner of nine years does, and we're always tweaking the thermostat.

I prefer 66-68 degrees on winter days, wearing long sleeves, and cooler at night, with a comforter to keep warm. She would have it 70-72 degrees day and night, which to me feels too warm and like short-sleeve shirt temperature, and she doesn't like a heavy comforter at night.

In the summer I prefer 74-76 in the day and she likes 72, which to me feels chilly.

I realize we have different comfort levels and neither one is good or bad, though mine is more resource- and environmentally friendly. One doesn't necessarily have the right to tell the other what the setting ought to be. How do we settle this? – Bill

DEAR BILL: You choose the temperature that allows you both to be comfortable without taking uncomfortable measures.

For example: If you're comfortable at 67 wearing a sweater, but she needs two sweaters at that temperature, then you turn up the heat, because asking someone to wear two sweaters is a doink move. You set the thermostat at the one-sweater mark for her, and you just wear less.

At night, nothing so hot you can't sleep.

Or you just pick the middle temp between your two preferences and manage it, because that's what adults do. So, 69 degrees 24-7 winter, and 73 summer, and we all take a moment to express gratitude we don't still live in caves.

REGARDING TEMPERATURE: Experiment with each having your own blanket, since you have different temperature *and* weight preferences. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Works for me, thanks.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Canned meat
5 Blushing
8 Confess
12 Pact partner
13 Thou, today
14 Trevi Fountain coins, once
15 Continue (2 wds.)
16 Outshone
18 Late summer fruit
20 Fairy-tale being
21 Goddess of dawn
22 Chili pepper quality
25 Animal friend
28 Go off at an angle
29 Piece of land
33 Toughened
35 Jackie — of "Rush Hour"
36 Rookie
37 Swimsuit
39 Bridge holding
40 Pizazz
42 Extend
43 Oxford's country
46 Promising
49 Nest-egg letters
50 Zoo barker
53 Snags
56 Aloha, in Rome
58 Customer enticement
59 — Paulo
60 Carpentry tool
61 Portent
62 Form 1040 info
63 Bold look

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1 Droop
2 Kerplunk
3 — vera
4 Chatty starling
5 Type of whiskey
6 Time of the mammals
7 Not as bright
8 High peak
9 Shop tool
10 Black-and-white snack
11 Is a groom
17 No —, ands or buts
19 Roam about
23 Spread out to dry
24 Grocery container
25 Core
26 New Age singer
27 Go left or right
30 "Wool" on clay sheep
31 Pretoria coin
32 Phillips University town
34 Took a cab
37 Bleat
38 Room offerers
40 Exit
41 Andes ruminants
44 Zip
45 Stick-on design
46 Lhasa —
47 Wheels for nanny
48 Enameled metal
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54 — Franklin
55 Boy
57 Above, to a bard

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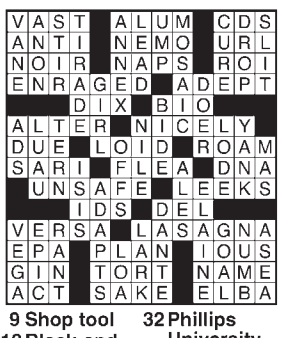

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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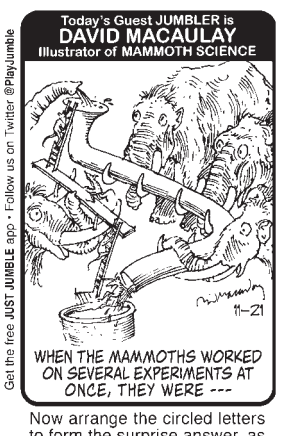
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WHEN THE MAMMOTHS WORKED ON SEVERAL EXPERIMENTS AT ONCE, THEY WERE ---
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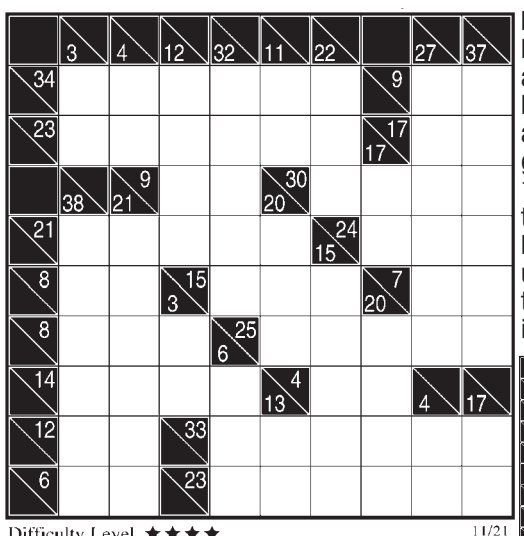
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"◯◯◯◯◯◯ - ◯◯◯◯◯◯◯"

(Answers Monday)

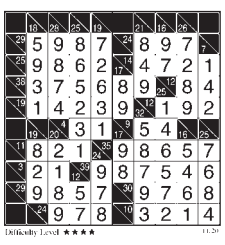
Yesterday's Jumbles: COUGH GIANT GLITZY CODDLE
Answer: When Lou said he would put his spicy chili on a wiener, Dagwood said — HOT DIGGITY DOG

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/21

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



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BRIDGE

An amusing new paperback and e-book is "Bridge With a Twist" by Simon Cocheme (Master Point Press). In 53 chapters covering nearly 200 pages, you are treated to bridge from the bleachers.

The book opens thus: "The first bridge joke I ever heard was 'How do you defeat an Irish slam?' Answer: 'Cash your two aces and sit back and wait for partner to take his trump trick.'"

Here is a deal from the book. First, no, there isn't a misprint in the diagram. Cocheme points out that in England, a suit containing only the two, five and nine is called a "Hello, Dolly (Parton)" and written 925!

Cocheme was at the Manchester Bridge Club, watching youngsters play. After the simple sequence to four hearts, West led the diamond queen. With all the key cards offside and a probable heart loser, Cocheme was confident that the declarer, Tanya, would go one down.

Author of little faith! Declarer won with her diamond king, cashed the two top hearts, played a diamond to the ace and ruffed the last diamond in her hand. Then she played three rounds of clubs, putting in West. She switched to a spade, and East ducked dummy's king, realizing that if she took the trick, she would be endplayed. However, Tanya led a trump, endplaying East anyway. She had either to lead a club, conceding a ruff-and-discard, or to play spades.

North 11-21-20
♠ K Q 10
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ A 8 4
♣ K 7 3

West
♠ 9 2 5
♥ 2
♦ Q J 9 7 6 2
♣ Q 9 5

East
♠ A J 8 4
♥ Q 10 5
♦ 10 3
♣ 10 6 4 2

South
♠ 7 6 3
♥ A K 9 8 3
♦ K 5
♣ A J 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

"Well played, Tanya," said Cocheme. "I thought you would go down with all of the finesses wrong."

"I've heard the big girls talk about finesses in the playground, but I don't think we do them until next term."

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

8				9				
2		3		7	8	1		
		4	5	3				
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		7	3	4		8		2
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	8	1	7	6	4	2	9	3
4	7	2	1	9	3	6	8	5
9	3	6	2	8	5	1	7	4
7	4	3	8	2	9	5	6	1
6	5	9	4	1	7	3	2	8
1	2	8	5	3	6	7	4	9
8	9	5	3	7	2	4	1	6
2	1	4	6	5	8	9	3	7
3	6	7	9	4	1	8	5	2

Matthew Carpenter named 2020 Outstanding 4-H Member

BENTON HARBOR — Earlier this month, Berrien County 4-H announced the winner of this year's Leo Stanley Outstanding 4-H Member Award.

CARPENTER

Matthew Carpenter, the son of Mark and Nancy Carpenter of Eau Claire, was honored with the award during this year's member and leader recognition banquet.

The award is dedicated to Stanley, who was an outstanding citizen and community leader who dedicated his life to helping people help themselves.

Each year, up to two Berrien County 4-H'ers are given the award.

Youth must submit an application that encompasses their 4-H career as well as a reference from a leader. Selected youth receive a framed certificate and a watch in honor of their success.

In addition, Matthew will receive a $300 scholarship toward his continuing education. The scholarship is sponsored by the Exchange Club of Southwest Michigan.

Matthew has been a member of the Berrien County 4-H program for more than 11 years. He's been a member of the Town and Country Paws & Pals 4-H Club and the Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club.

Over the years, he has gained knowledge and project mastery in the dog and rabbit project areas.

Matthew's 4-H leaders describe him as a natural-born leader as he's always assisting with setting up and tearing down, planning club projects, and taking on club officer roles. Through his leadership, Matthew provides insight and guidance to younger members who are having issues with their projects or need assistance.

For questions about Berrien County 4-H, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Kelly Stelter at grandtke@msu.edu or 927-5674, ext. 4015.

Bridgman library to host 2 Zoom presentations

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman Public Library will host a pair of Zoom presentations next month.

At 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1, naturalist Andrew Nowicki will discuss Michigan owls.

He will take viewers on a photo tour of owls commonly seen in Michigan, and will talk about how they've adapted.

At 6 p.m. Dec. 15, the library will host "My 20 Year Journey to Best Selling Author" with Michigan native and bestselling author Karen Dionne.

She will reveal the inside story of how she came to write her breakout psychological suspense novel, "The Marsh King's Daughter," and her recently released follow-up, "The Wicked Sister," both set in Michigan's Upper Peninsula wilderness.

Dionne will share how she knows so much about the area's flora and fauna, resulting in an authenticity that The New York Times Book Review singled out as one of the elements that makes "The Marsh King's Daughter" "so superb."

She'll also discuss the writing risks she took that elevated her work from mid-list to bestseller status.

To find links to the Zoom presentations, visit bridgmanlibrary.com.

For more information, call 465-3663.

OUTDOOR MEAL

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If you choose to create a warmer space with heaters and a tent, make sure that at least two tent sides remain open.

"You don't want to recreate an indoor space outdoors," Palumbo says.

Provide extra serving utensils

Assign each household their own set of serving utensils.

"Act like if you go to a restaurant – you don't want to share the salt shaker or anything from table to table," Bilal says.

While surface transmission is low, if someone coughs into their hand, and then mindlessly touches a shared object, germs could spread between households.

"The more we minimize risk, the better," Bilal says.

But that doesn't mean you need to use plastic spoons and forks. As long as all dishes are washed beforehand, you're safe to skip the disposables and the excess trash they create.

Mask up unless eating, and stay outside

Your best defense when venturing inside to the bathroom is wearing a mask and thoroughly washing your hands. But experts advise keeping your mask on outdoors, too, except when eating or drinking.

"When you take it on and off, be mindful of touching it. Ideally you need to wash your hands before and after," Bilal says.

Let family skip the travel this year

Any kind of travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19, according to the CDC. Inviting family members from out of town requires weighing the risk versus benefit for everyone involved.

"The moment you go into an airport, you're seeing other people," Bilal says. "Driving is safer, but the important thing to look at is where everyone is coming from."

Experts encourage keeping celebrations local, particularly if case numbers are spiking in areas where out-of-towners live, or if high-risk guests are attending.

To gather everyone together, host a Houseparty or other virtual meetup during the celebration.

Be mindful of older relatives

The risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age, which makes decisions surrounding older relatives challenging.

"Spending time with family is often so important for the grandparents," Palumbo says. "People need to decide what they're comfortable with, but be mindful of what rates in the community look like, and be even more careful about isolating beforehand."

Have honest conversations up front so everyone understands each other's risk factors and comfort level. And you may want to consider playing it extra safe.

Would the family be OK with shortening the hangout and sending everyone home with to-go meals so that masks don't need to be removed?

Minimize or eliminate alcohol

It may be family tradition to share a few bottles of wine around the table. But the CDC advises against that this year, declaring alcohol a high-risk activity because of how it clouds our judgment.

"People become very huggy when they're drunk," Bilal says. "If you're going to have alcohol, it's very important to talk about these behaviors in advance so that everyone has it in their mind to try to avoid them. When you're in the moment, after drinking a beer, you want to have a plan."

Be prepared to cancel

Bad weather? A local spike in COVID-19 cases? In either scenario, experts advise postponing.

Although there isn't one magic number, 5 percent is the general benchmark for positive community test rates that epidemiologists consider concerning.

"There will be more Thanksgivings," Bilal says. "These are some of the most important people in your life, and you don't want this holiday to be the one you remember of someone ending up in the hospital for weeks."

Don't let your guard down

Anytime you leave the house, there's a level of risk involved right now. It's also impossible to know exactly what everyone is doing 24/7. And that means you need to be extra cautious with anyone who's living outside of your household.

"This virus knows no trust. Trust doesn't really protect you," Bilal says. "You need to be as careful with your family as you would with anyone else."

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This effortless exterior gives you plenty of charm with a cute front porch, board-and-batten siding and a gable roof. See more images online at www.ePlans.com/collection/house-of-the-week.

Farmhouse flair

Need a quiet home office? This spacious home features a first-floor study that could also become a guest bedroom with a full bathroom nearby.

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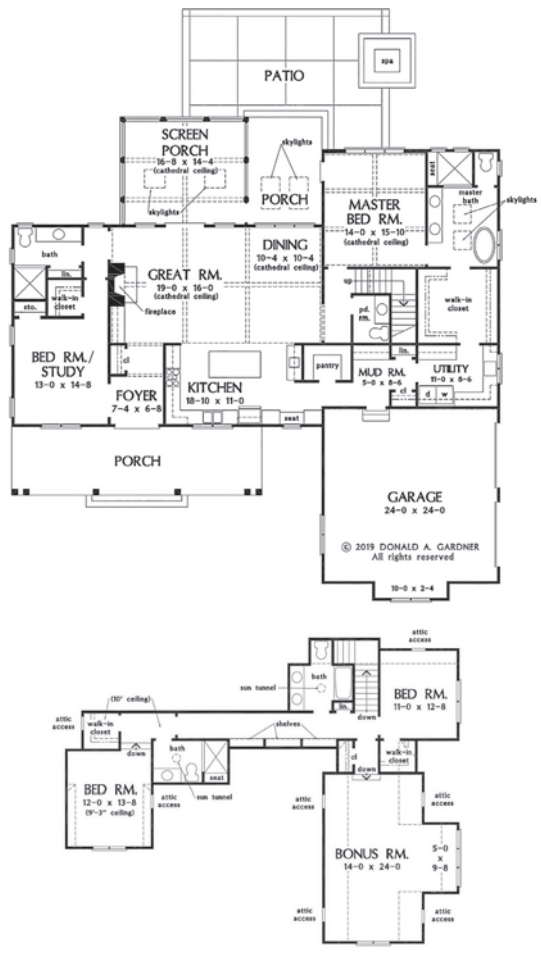

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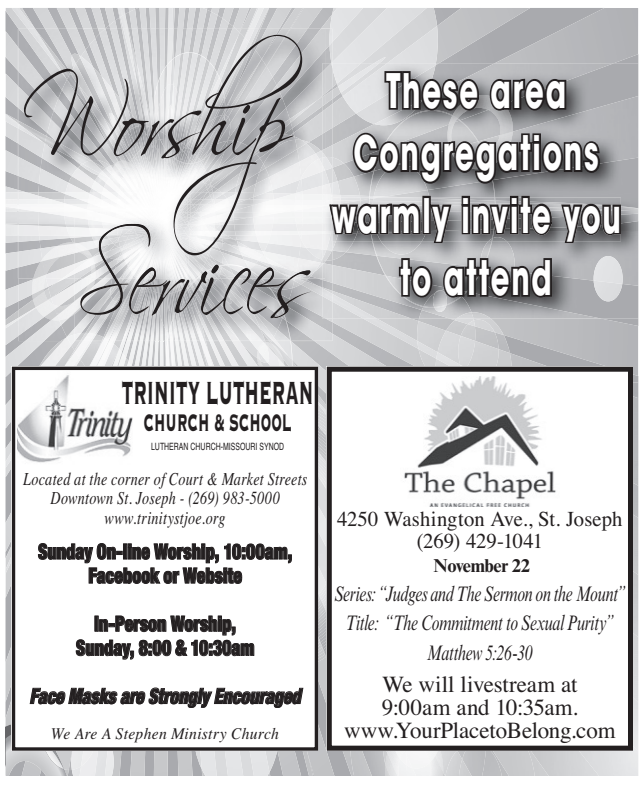
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FILE NO. 2020-0605-DE-M

Estate of: DEBORAH C. RANTZ FRANK, deceased
Date of Birth: 10-04-1953

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Deborah C. Rantz Frank, died 5-26-2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Matthew Frank, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Berrien County Courthouse, 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 10-12-2020

Attorney: Robert Puckett P33883
2620 S. Cleveland Ave, Ste 202
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-428-0900

Personal Representative:
Matthew Frank
1066 Blair Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104
269-929-1276

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN

FILE NO. 2020-0760A-NC-D

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of:
Madison Alexis Dickey

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:

whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on January 5,2021 at 9:35 a.m. at 811 Port St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 via ZOOM before Judge Jennifer L. Smith P-56684 for the following purpose:

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Date: 11/12/2020

Attorney:
Mark D. Donnelly

LEGALS

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Sensitivity will be important when dealing with peers, relatives or people who don't share your opinions. Being open will encourage positive changes and progress. Offer unique ideas and incentives, and work to solve problems and build harmony. Make a difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't make a fuss when you should be making a difference. Use common sense, and consider all sides of a situation before making a decision that will affect others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Listen to what others say and be sensitive to the issues that arise. Channel your energy into living a healthier lifestyle. A lesson from the past will help you make better decisions now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Go about your business, make appropriate adjustments and position yourself for advancement. Make personal growth a priority. Wait until you have concrete proof before you air your views.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be observant and listen to what others say. It's crucial to understand all sides of an issue to avoid getting drawn into someone's problems. Let your experience guide you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Cover every angle and refuse to let emotions and ego get in the way of what's right. Consistency and practicality will be necessary in a financial situation. A gift is heading your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Questionable motives will surface. Don't be too trusting. Rely on what's happened in the past and act accordingly. Have a backup plan in place, and don't hesitate to do your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are overdue for a change. Look over your options and make plans with a loved one. A day trip that will enhance a relationship is favored. Discuss sensitive issues.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Consider your options. Be prepared to make an adjustment that will protect you from loss or failure. Trust in your judgment and facts. Make personal improvements that will help you advance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Consider what you want to do next and spend time rearranging your life to help fulfill your goals. Don't let uncertainty or someone's plans ruin your day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Step outside your comfort zone and do something that will challenge you physically. Using pent-up energy will help ease stress. Keep the peace and avoid unwanted change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make positive adjustments that will help improve your relationship with a friend, relative or loved one. Common interests will help you build a healthy bond.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do something energetic. Getting fit and making positive changes to your appearance will be gratifying. Don't let someone's negativity get you down. Distance yourself from demanding people.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Step away from conflict and unpredictable situations. Concentrate on getting your life and goals in order, and rid yourself of past regrets. Look for new ways to make use of your resources and update your skills to suit trends. Take the initiative to turn negatives into positives and to live life your way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Discuss your plans with a loved one, and make changes that will encourage you find peace and happiness. It's up to you to set goals and to strive to reach the destination of your choice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A physical outlet will calm your nerves. Don't let anyone meddle in your affairs. Tidy up your space, and make room to start a new project. Don't give up on a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take your plan to the next level. Update your skills and follow trends. Romance is in the stars and will improve your relationship with someone special.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't get involved in someone's grievance. Look out for your interests and protect your finances and lifestyle from anyone trying to disrupt what you've worked so hard to achieve.

PISCES (Feb. 2-March 20) Use your imagination, take control and develop a plan that will bring about positive change. Focus on romance and your special relationships with the ones you love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Approach situations realistically. When dealing with loved ones, be receptive and offer positive support. Consider what you can do to get up and moving. Physical fitness will ease stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've got what it takes to bring about a positive change. Discuss your plans with a loved one. Focus on love, creativity and family, and on improving your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be careful what you share with others. Someone will use information against you. A secretive approach will be necessary if you want to avoid interference and reach your goal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take a chance. Don't let anxiety stop you from going after what you want. Discuss your plans with a loved one. Love is in the stars, and romance will improve your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do something energetic. Focus on self-improvement, discipline and building confidence. You may not welcome a change someone makes, but in the end, it will be beneficial. Let go of the past.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take action, bring about change and discuss your plans with friends and family. A change of scenery or broadening of your horizons will lead to a bright future. Love and romance are on the rise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Anger is a waste of time. Put your energy to better use and do something that will improve your life. Be willing to listen, compromise and find solutions that work for everyone.

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1 Respectfully tip
5 Shopper's delight
9 Four-time NFL Pro Bowl safety __ Chancellor
12 Computer addresses: Abbr.
15 Newscaster Lindström
18 Garfield's foil
19 Elemental bit
20 Street in Montréal
21 Farm equipment
23 Headline announcing Thomas Kingsford's 1842 process?
26 Peak in Exod.
27 Speeds
28 Poet's "in a trice"
29 Secret supplies
30 English cheese town
33 Ovid work
35 The Beatles' "__ Loser"
36 Gimlet garnish
37 Breakfast product made from trees?
43 "Hold your horses!"
46 Approx. landing time
47 Carnival city
48 Mid-12th-century date
49 Place for the good guys?
51 Tissue swellings
54 Medical suffix
55 Little laughs
56 From the top
57 Ancient German
59 Eye layer
62 Fast-food franchise started in Rocky Mount, NC
65 Do penance
66 Mad Hatter's cup?
69 Pants fabric
70 Tops that bare arms and midriffs
71 Bites
72 __ vinegar
74 Secluded valley
75 Lad in Limerick
76 MD's request
77 Field and Ride
79 Apex predator at the feeder?
85 Gets steamed
87 Golfer's concern
88 Part of a split
89 Worth remembering
90 Literary slugger making cookies?
96 Email button
97 Soong __-ling: Madame Chiang
98 All but one of the balls in 9-Ball
99 D.C.'s __ Row
102 Composer Saint-Saëns
106 Lift one's spirits?
107 Bike part
108 Low-tech traveler's reference
109 What keeps the church singers healthy?
114 Puts on a pedestal
115 Give a leg up
116 Legal claim
117 Promo on the tube
118 Sault __ Marie
119 2000 Peace Prize recipient Kim __-jung
120 Apt. listing abbr.
121 Pain in the neck, e.g.
122 Evergreen shrubs

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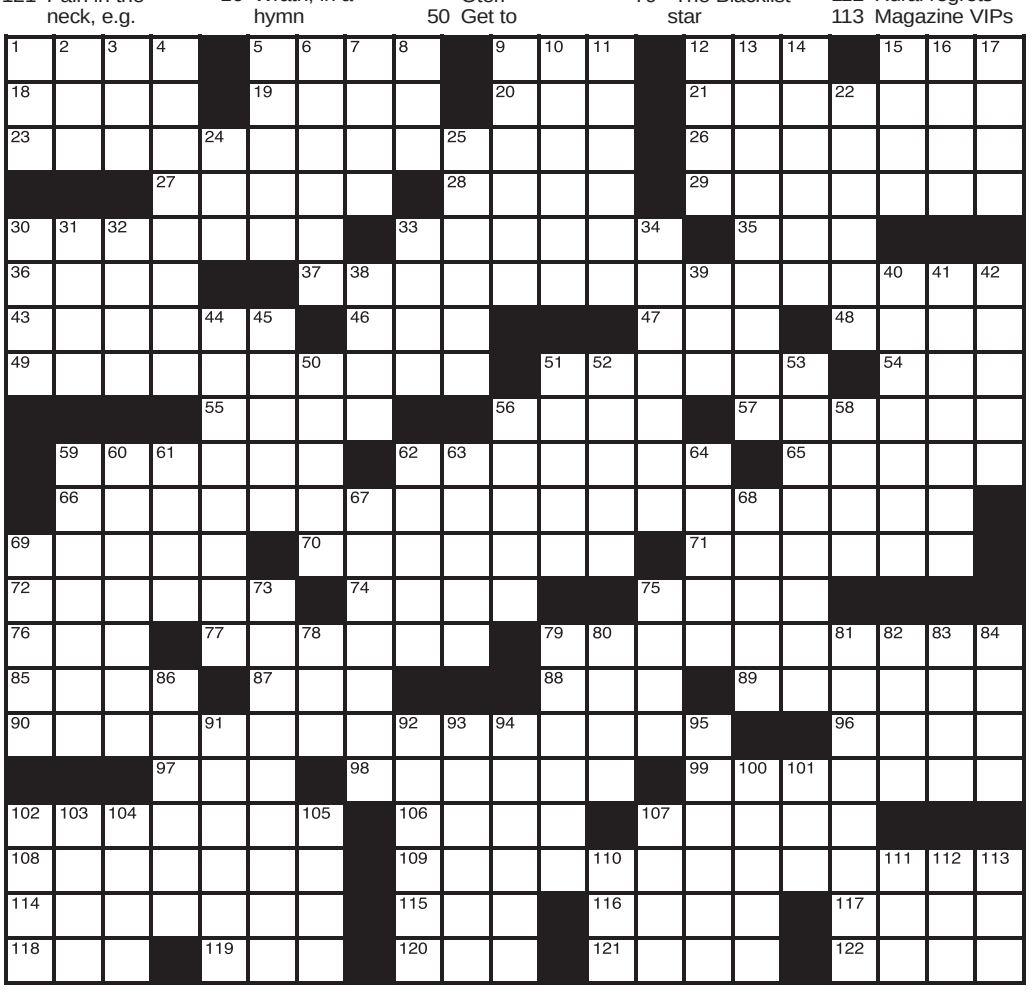
1 __ double take
2 Consumes to excess, briefly
3 It's thrown in anger
4 Courageous
5 Vanzetti's partner
6 Greek goddess of wisdom
7 Daily Planet name
8 Ambulance initials
9 Swedish monetary units
10 Second-largest Illinois city
11 Skin Bracer maker
12 Beliefs
13 Ruffled-edge underskirt
14 Kind of oil used in hummus
15 Phnom __
16 Wrath, in a hymn
17 5-Across alert
22 Win over
24 Informer
25 __ Bigelow, echoically nicknamed 20th-century wrestler
30 Remote
31 Spork prong
32 Somali-born supermodel
33 Voice above tenor
34 Attached with spiral hardware
38 Many August births
39 That guy
40 Transition area between plant communities
41 Nuts that put the joy in candy bars?
42 Former NPR host Hansen
44 Levels of authority
45 "SNL" alumna Oteri
50 Get to
51 Home of the Ewoks
52 Cook Paula et al.
53 Closes securely
56 Half-elf married to Aragorn
58 Home of Canyonlands National Park
59 Astronaut Wally
60 Habaneros and jalapeños
61 Turner on a screen
62 Like sledding terrain
63 Feeds the pot
64 Tijuana mister
67 Aerie newcomers
68 Pulitzer-winning Chicago journalist Mike
69 Demetri Martin, e.g.
73 Exiled religious leader
75 Judge's seat
78 Ignited
79 "The Blacklist" star
80 Top numbers
81 Extreme foolishness
82 Negatives
83 UPS boxes
84 Actress Lamarr
86 Arab or Hebrew
91 Showed anger, perhaps
92 Wheels involved in a crime, maybe
93 Hebrew God
94 Two-legged supports
95 Conniving laugh
100 ESPN journalist Kenny
101 Trending
102 Lines before yours, say
103 Admin. aide
104 Pal
105 Latin 101 verb
107 __ Stic: retractable Bic pen
110 In the manner of
111 Night before the big day
112 Rural regrets
113 Magazine VIPs



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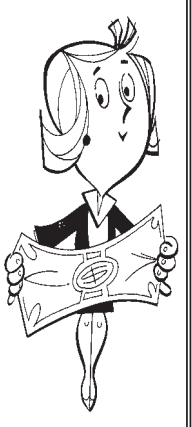

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VELOCITY BLUE METALLIC, 1.5 ECOBOOST ENGINE, REAR VIEW CAMERA, FORD PASS CONNECT, AND MUCH MORE! F20441

MSRP	$61,530
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,335
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 2,700
FORD BLACK FRIDAY TRADE IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
FORD RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 2,000

SALE PRICE* $52,495

PLUS 0% FOR 60 MONTHS

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2020 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4WD

STAR WHITE METALLIC TRI-COAT, 2ND ROW SPLIT BENCH WITH E-Z ENTRY, PREMIUM TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE, 14 SPEAKERS, MULTI-CONTOUR FRONT SEATS, POWERFOLD THIRD ROW SEATS, HANDS FREE LIFTGATE, TWIN PANEL MOONROOF, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, B & O SOUND SYSTEM, ACTIVE PARK ASSIST, NAVIGATION, AND MUCH MORE! F20109

MSRP	$52,550
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 2,305
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD SPECIAL PACKAGE RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD BLACK FRIDAY TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $45,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD TRANSIT XLT 10 PASSENGER ALL WHEEL DRIVE VAN

KAPOOR RED, 10 PASSENGER SEATING, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, NAVIGATION, FORGED ALUMINUM WHEELS, TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, REMOTE START, RUNNING BOARDS, PRIVACY GLASS AND MUCH MORE! F20061

2020 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW XLT 4X4

VELOCITY BLUE, 3.5 ECOBOOST V6 ENGINE, TWIN PANEL MOON ROOF, SPORT APPEARANCE PACKAGE, BLACK APPEARANCE PACKAGE, MAX TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, 36 GALLON FUEL TANK, VOICE ACTIVATED NAVIGATION, INTEGRATED TRAILER BRAKE CONTROLLER, REMOTE START, AND MUCH MORE! F20350

MSRP	$55,650
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,155
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,500
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD BLACK FRIDAY TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $45,745

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD F-250 CREW CAB 4X4 XLT TREMOR

RAPID RED, 7.3 GAS ENGINE, FOG LAMPS, ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, REVERSE VEHICLE AID SENSOR, 35 INCH OFF ROAD TIRES, POWER SEAT, SPRAY-IN BEDLINER, TAILGATE STEP, REMOTE START, LED BOX LIGHTING, NAVIGATION, POWER SLIDING REAR WINDOW, AND MUCH MORE! F20442

MSRP	$59,880
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,885
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500

SALE PRICE* $57,495

2020 FORD TRANSIT CARGO VAN ALL WHEEL DRIVE

OXFORD WHITE, REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER, CLOTH SEAT, CRUISE CONTROL, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, POWER MIRRORS AND MUCH MORE! F20374

MSRP	$44,810
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,815
FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,500
FORD SPECIAL PACKAGE RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 500
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
FORD YOUR FUTURE IS OUR BUSINESS BONUS CASH*	- 500
FORD BLACK FRIDAY TRADE IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH	-1000

SALE PRICE* $38,495

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 FORD EXPEDITION LIMITED STEALTH 4X4

ICONIC SILVER METALLIC, LEATHER SEATS, PANORAMIC VISTA ROOF, 2ND ROW BUCKET SEATS, 22 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, NAVIGATION, 360 DEGREE CAMERA, ENHANCED ACTIVE PARK ASSIST, POWER RUNNING BOARDS, AND MUCH MORE! F20321

MSRP	$75,825
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,130
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 3,450
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 3,000
FORD RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH	- 2,250
FORD BLACK FRIDAY TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $62,995

PLUS 0% FOR 60 MONTHS

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CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep RAM

2020 RAM 5500 4X4 FLATBED WITH HOIST

BRIGHT WHITE, 6.7 CUMMINS TURBO DIESEL, TUBULAR SIDE STEPS, REAR SLIDING WINDOW, AISIN TRANSMISSION, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, 16 FOOT FLATBED PLATFORM BODY WITH DOUBLE ACTING SCISSOR HOIST, BULKHEAD, UNDERBED TOOL BOX AND MUCH MORE! C20146

MSRP	$57,910
ADD FOR PLATFORM BODY	+10,863
SUBTOTAL	$68,773
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,528
REBATE	- 500
RAM BONUS COUPON	- 250
COMMERCIAL TRUCK SEASON BONUS CASH*	- 500
ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT UPFIT*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE	$61,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $60,995

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 DODGE JOURNEY

PITCH BLACK, BLACK TOP PACKAGE, BLACK WHEELS, 3-ZONE TEMP CONTROL, POWER SEAT, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 7-PASSENGER SEATING, SATELLITE RADIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20134

MSRP	$27,230
LESS EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 1,595
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR EVERYONE	$25,635
REBATE	- 1,250
CONQUEST TRADE-IN BONUS CASH*	- 2,500
SALE PRICE FORE EVERYONE	$21,885
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $20,885

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB 4X4

IVORY WHITE TRI-COAT PEARL, 5.7 HEMI V-8 E-TORQUE ENGINE, 20 INCH PREMIUM WHEELS, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, WHEEL TO WHEEL SIDE STEPS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, PARKSENSE FRONT/REAR PARK ASSIST, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20270

MSRP	$56,455
LESS EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 6,750
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR EVERYONE	$49,705
RAM BONUS COUPON	- 250
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$48,455
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LEASE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $47,455

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE PLUS 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK CRYSTAL, ALTITUDE PACKAGE, 18 INCH GLOSS BLACK 5-SPOKE WHEELS, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER SEAT, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20265

MSRP	$32,030
LESS EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 1,993
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR EVERONE	$30,037
REBATE	- 1,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH*	- 750
RETAIL BONUS CASH	- 750
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$27,037
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $26,037

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2021 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 4X4

BLACK, 2.0 4-CYLINDER TURBO ENGINE, PREMIUM BLACK SUNRIDER SOFT TOP, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 8 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C21008

MSRP	$36,025
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 530
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$35,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $34,995

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 BIG HORN

DELMONICO RED, 5.7 HEMI V8, ANTI SPIN REAR AXLE, REAR POWER SLIDING WINDOW, POWER SEAT, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, AND MUCH MORE! C20129

MSRP	$47,925
LESS EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 4,748
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR EVERYONE	$43,177
REBATE	- 1,000
RAM COUPON	- 250
TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$40,927
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
CONQUEST LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $39,927

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 JEEP RENEGADE LATITUDE 4X4

BLACK CLEAR COAT, HEATED FRONT SEATS, TOUCH SCREEN, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, REMOTE START, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20176

MSRP	$28,875
LESS EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 1,790
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR EVERYONE	$27,085
REBATE	- 1,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL 2020 BONUS CASH*	- 750
BONUS CASH	- 500
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$24,335
2020 RETURNING LESSEE *	- 500
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $23,335

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2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED X 4X4

SLATE BLUE PEARL, 9 AMPLIFIED SPEAKERS WITH SUBWOOFER, LIMITED X PACKAGE, SPORT HOOD, NAVIGATION, BI-XENON HID HEADLAMPS, 20 INCH GRANITE CRYSTAL ALUMINUM WHEELS, POWER LIFTGATE, POWER SUNROOF, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, AND MUCH MORE! C20294

MSRP	$49,685
LESS EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 4,198
EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR EVERYONE	$45,487
REBATE	- 750
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$44,737
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $43,737

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2012 HONDA CIVIC LX

1.8 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Styled Wheel Covers, 146K Miles, Power Windows, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked, Gray, U20140A

NOW $8,806

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 44K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20131A

Was $24,500 NOW $21,267

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20174

Was $31,951 NOW $28,880

2017 HONDA ACCORD EX

2.4 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Silver, F20420A

Now $20,884

2014 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked, Black U20176

Was $31,749 NOW $28,614

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Power Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20181

Was $31,228 NOW $29,750

2019 FORD TRANSIT 350 XLT 15 PASSENGER VAN

3.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Preferred Equipment Package, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Oxford White U20112A

Was $32,729 NOW $29,372

2017 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Front and Rear View Cameras, Lane-Keeping System, Active Park Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Shadow Black

Was $35,989 NOW $34,785

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black Diamond U20180

Was $33,520 NOW $30,947

2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING-L PLUS

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 51K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, DVD Entertainment Center, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Tusk White C20212A

Was $26,811 NOW $22,790

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Too Good To Be Blue U20171

Was $22,555 NOW $20,994

2019 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 10K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Dynamic Hitch Assist, Pre-Collision Assist, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red, F20399A

NOW $39,995

2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW DIESEL 4X4

3.0 V6 EFI Turbo Diesel Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 9K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Trailer Tow Package, Trailer Tow Monitor, Trailer Back Up Assist, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C20246A

Was $54,990 NOW $52,554

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 11K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Pedals, Blind Spot Information System, Trailer Tow Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magma Red F20218A

Was $40,966 NOW $37,878

2018 FORD FUSION SE AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 13K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SE Luxury Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, SYNC 3, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, F20394A

NOW $22,883

2014 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 84K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black F19385B

Was $31,499 NOW $29,989

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 44K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold, C20261A

Was $39,872 NOW $36,995

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Kona Blue, F20285A

Was $23,810 NOW $20,549

2017 FORD FOCUS SEL HATCHBACK

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 58K Miles, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Kona Blue, M20086A

NOW $13,995

2016 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE HIGH ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 55K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Dual Panel Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group IV, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Brilliant Black, C20306A

NOW $30,663

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Tech Gray Aluminum Wheels, 50K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20178

Was $32,380 NOW $29,612

2018 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Trailer Brake Control, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Brilliant Black, U20189

Was $34,543 NOW $33,146

2015 DODGE JOURNEY CROSSROAD

2.4 EFI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 87K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Trimmed Seating, Three Zone Temp Control, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Vice White, F20334A

NOW $13,904

2018 FORD ESCAPE SEL 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold, U20183

Was $22,228 NOW $19,999

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, F20410A

NOW $22,923

2014 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT SE

1.8 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 156K Miles, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White

Was $9,822 NOW $8,864

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! White Knuckle S20013

Was $20,500 NOW $19,995

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

2.7 V6 EFI Ecoboost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 39K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Reverse Sensing System, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20186

Was $34,618 NOW $33,372

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 49K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner Mat, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Trailer Tow Group, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black F20376A

Was $34,980 NOW $32,676

2018 HONDA FIT EX HATCHBACK, GRAY

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 44K Miles, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray, F20375A

NOW $16,357

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Stow 'N Go Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite S20012

Was $20,995 NOW $19,995

2018 MERCEDES GLC 300 4MATIC AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heat Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Obsidian Black M20083A

Was $33,995 NOW 32,995

2018 FORD ESCAPE SEL 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20187

Was $22,203 NOW $20,838

2017 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER XLE AWD

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Departure Warning, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! PreDawn Gray Mica, C20227A

NOW $33,226

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Smoked Quartz, U20147

Was $30,989 NOW $27,823

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 15K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Active Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, F20400A

NOW $21,455

2013 TOYOTA PRIUS C HYBRID HATCHBACK

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Styled Wheel Covers, 107K Miles, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue

Was $9,994 NOW $8,853

2015 GMC YUKON DENALI 4X4

6.2 V8 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 58K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, 2nd Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black, C20305A

NOW $40,827

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT AWD

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Cloth and Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Platinum Graphite F20289A

Was $21,994 NOW $18,993

2016 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED AWD

3.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 117K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gray, C21020A

NOW $24,943

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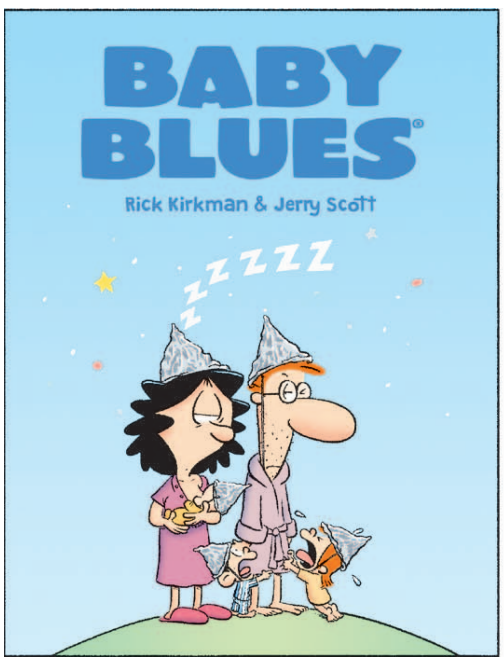

WHAT'S THAT?
JUST MY LATEST LIFE HACK.
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PRETTY SOON, SANTA IS GOING TO BE READING MY MIND TO FIND OUT IF I'VE BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE, RIGHT?
RIGHT...
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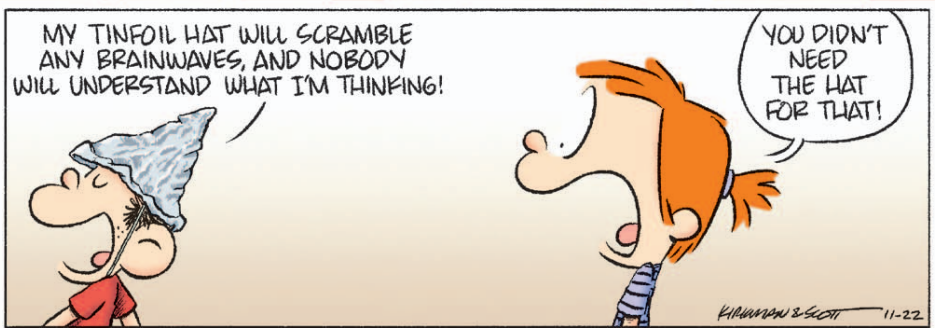
WELL, NOT IF I'M WEARING THIS!


MY TINFOIL HAT WILL SCRAMBLE ANY BRAINWAVES, AND NOBODY WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M THINKING!
YOU DIDN'T NEED THE HAT FOR THAT!
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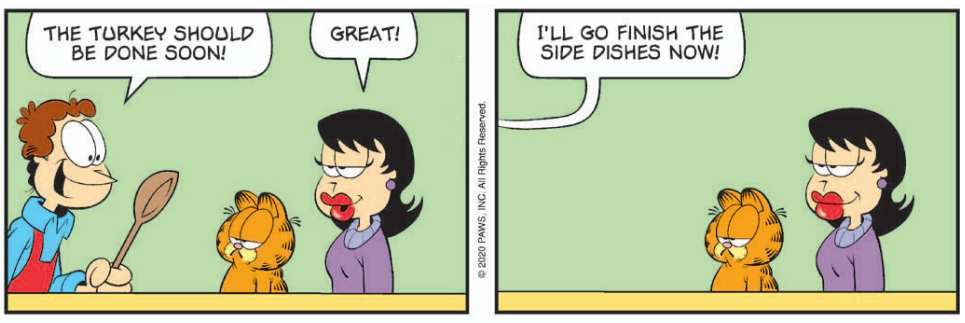
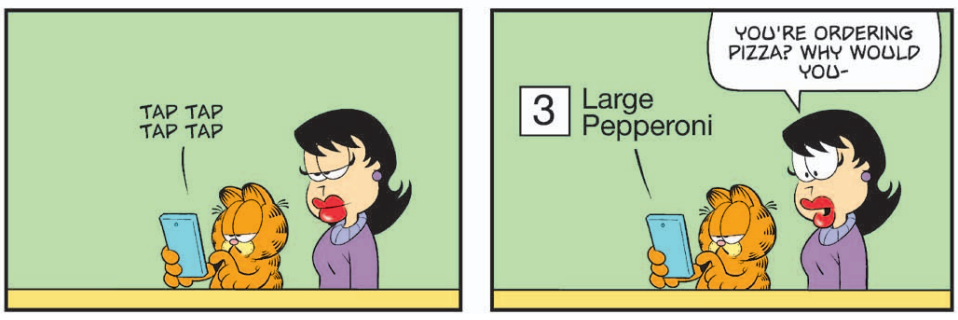
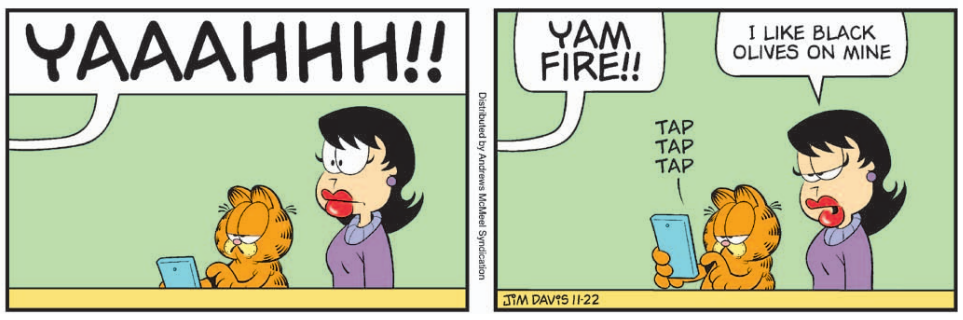
Garfield







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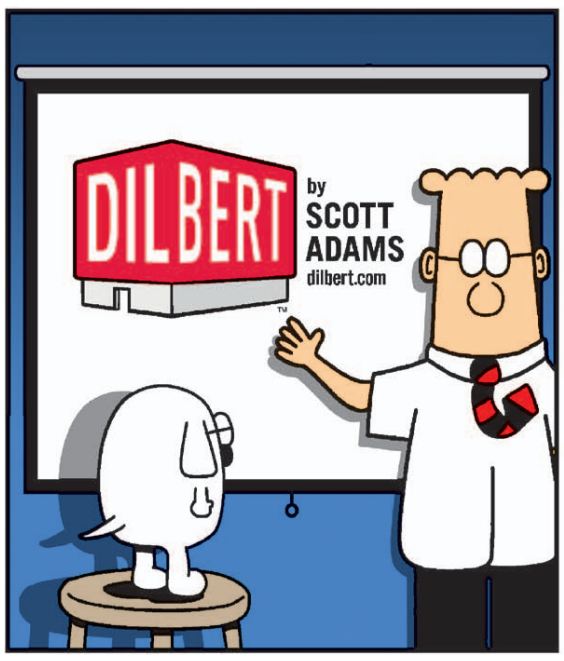

WE'VE TRIPLE-CHECKED ALL SYSTEMS, AND WE ARE READY TO LAUNCH THE SATELLITE.
NOTHING CAN GO WRONG.
INITIATING LAUNCH.
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NOTHING CAN GO WRONG?
WHAT IF AN ALIEN SPACESHIP APPEARS OVER THE LAUNCH SITE?
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GAAA!!! DON'T JINX US.
THAT'S NOT HOW REALITY WORKS. I CAN'T MAKE THINGS HAPPEN JUST BY SUGGESTING THEM.
YOU'RE WRONG! THAT IS EXACTLY HOW REALITY WORKS!
SOMETHING JUST APPEARED ON RADAR DIRECTLY ABOVE THE ROCKET'S TRAJECTORY.
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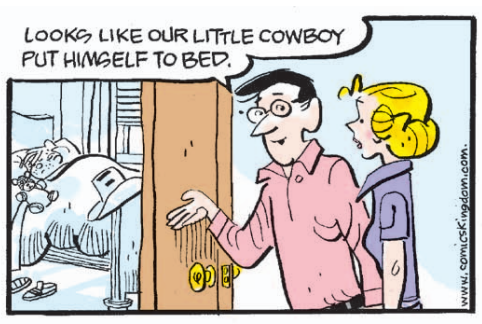
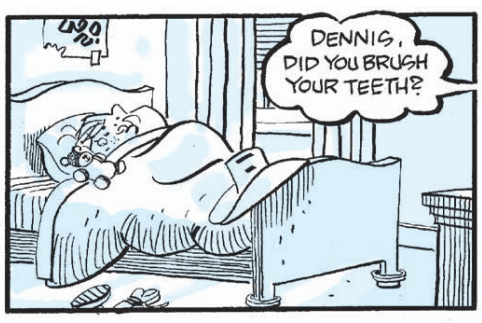
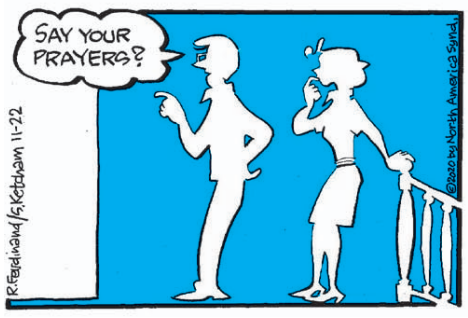
MAYBE IT'S A BIRD.
IT'S THE SIZE OF BELGIUM.

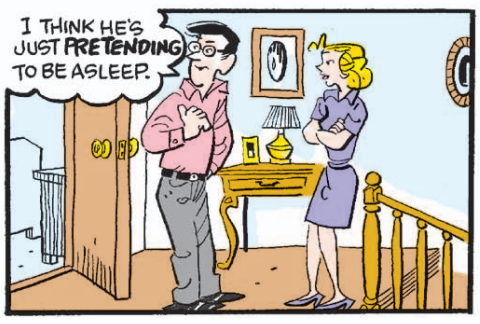
Hank Ketcham's Dennis the Menace

HEAR! HEAR!









CURTIS

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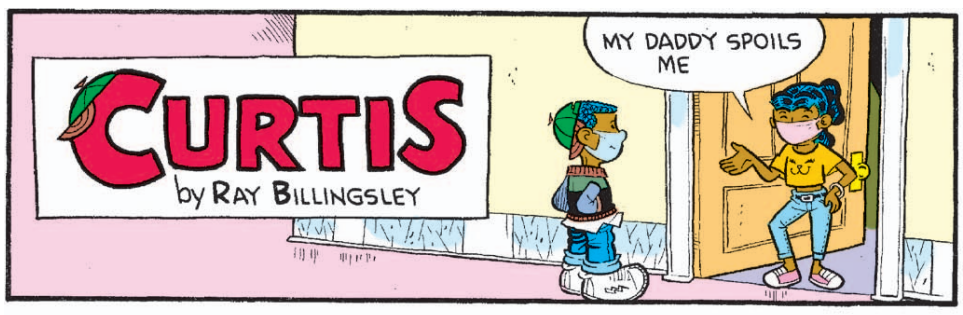

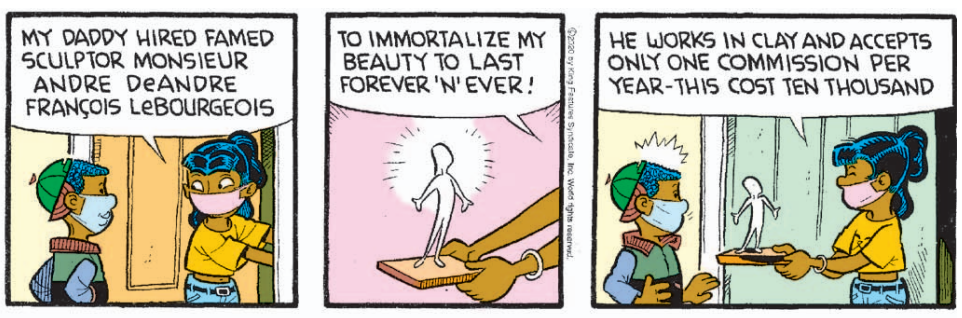
MY DADDY HIRED FAMED SCULPTOR MONSIEUR ANDRE DeANDRE FRANÇOIS LeBOURGEOIS
TO IMMORTALIZE MY BEAUTY TO LAST FOREVER 'N' EVER!
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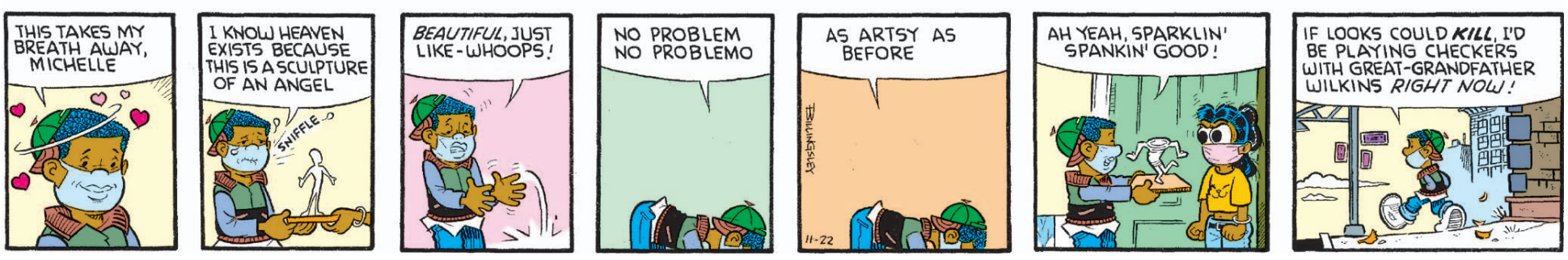
HE WORKS IN CLAY AND ACCEPTS ONLY ONE COMMISSION PER YEAR-THIS COST TEN THOUSAND


THIS TAKES MY BREATH AWAY, MICHELLE
I KNOW HEAVEN EXISTS BECAUSE THIS IS A SCULPTURE OF AN ANGEL
SNIFFLE
BEAUTIFUL, JUST LIKE-WHOOPS!
NO PROBLEM NO PROBLEMO
AS ARTSY AS BEFORE
BRUNETTI
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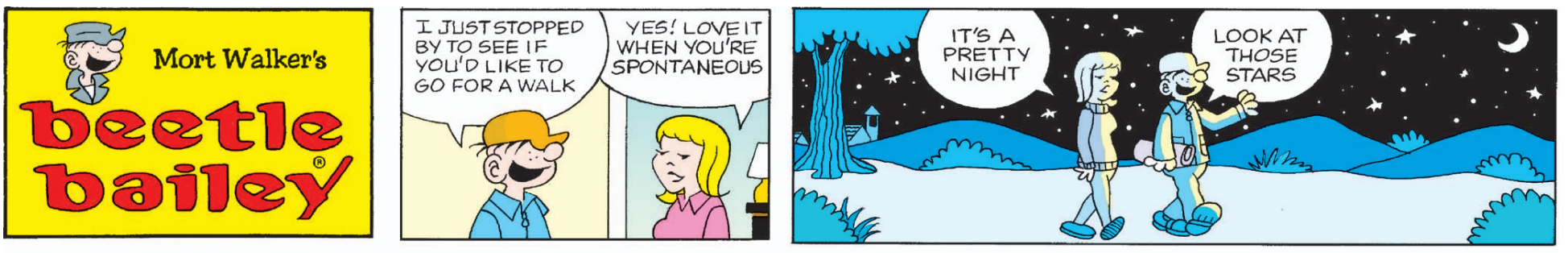
AH YEAH, SPARKLIN' SPANKIN' GOOD!
IF LOOKS COULD KILL, I'D BE PLAYING CHECKERS WITH GREAT-GRANDFATHER WILKINS RIGHT NOW!

Mort Walker's beetle bailey®


I JUST STOPPED BY TO SEE IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO FOR A WALK
YES! LOVE IT WHEN YOU'RE SPONTANEOUS
IT'S A PRETTY NIGHT
LOOK AT THOSE STARS
BEAUTIFUL!
LET'S GO OVER THERE
HERE'S A SOFT SPOT
YOU'RE RIGHT, BEETLE. SOME THINGS ARE BETTER LYING ON YOUR BACK
MOST THINGS ARE
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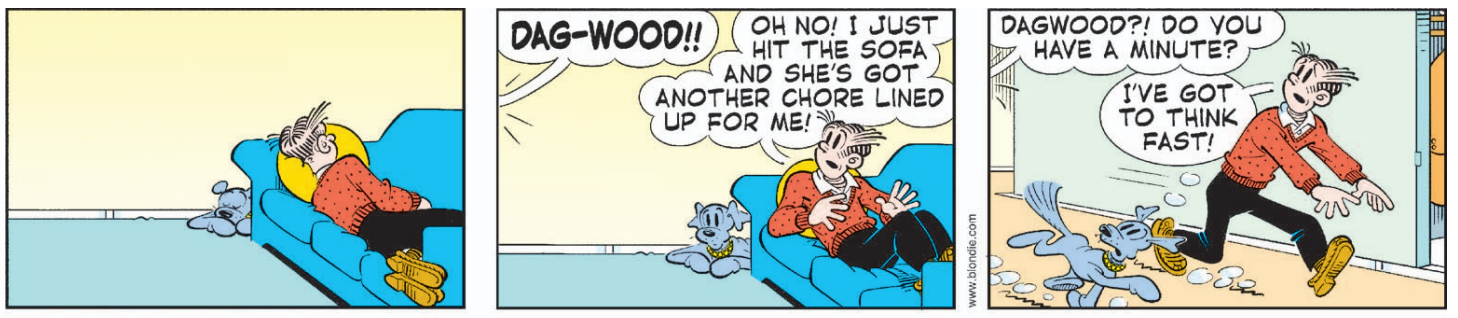
DAG-WOOD!!
OH NO! I JUST HIT THE SOFA AND SHE'S GOT ANOTHER CHORE LINED UP FOR ME!
DAGWOOD?! DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
I'VE GOT TO THINK FAST!
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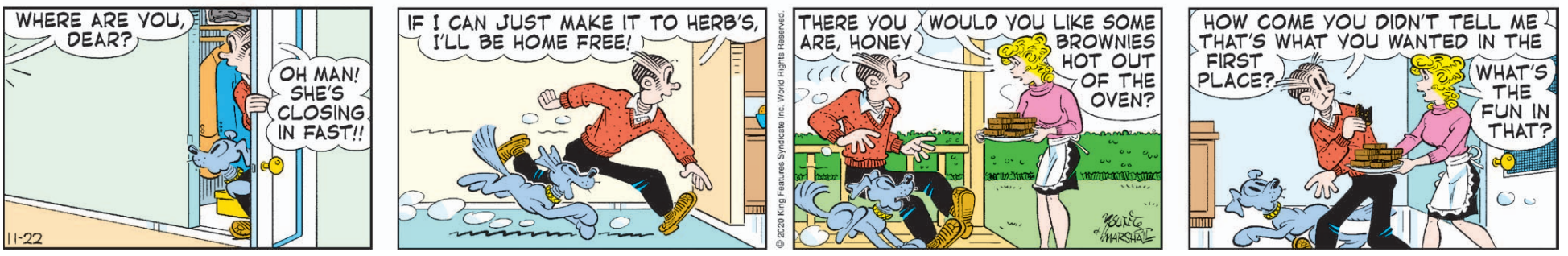
WHERE ARE YOU, DEAR?
OH MAN! SHE'S CLOSING IN FAST!!
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IF I CAN JUST MAKE IT TO HERB'S, I'LL BE HOME FREE!
THERE YOU ARE, HONEY
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME BROWNIES HOT OUT OF THE OVEN?
HOW COME YOU DIDN'T TELL ME THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED IN THE FIRST PLACE?
WHAT'S THE FUN IN THAT?
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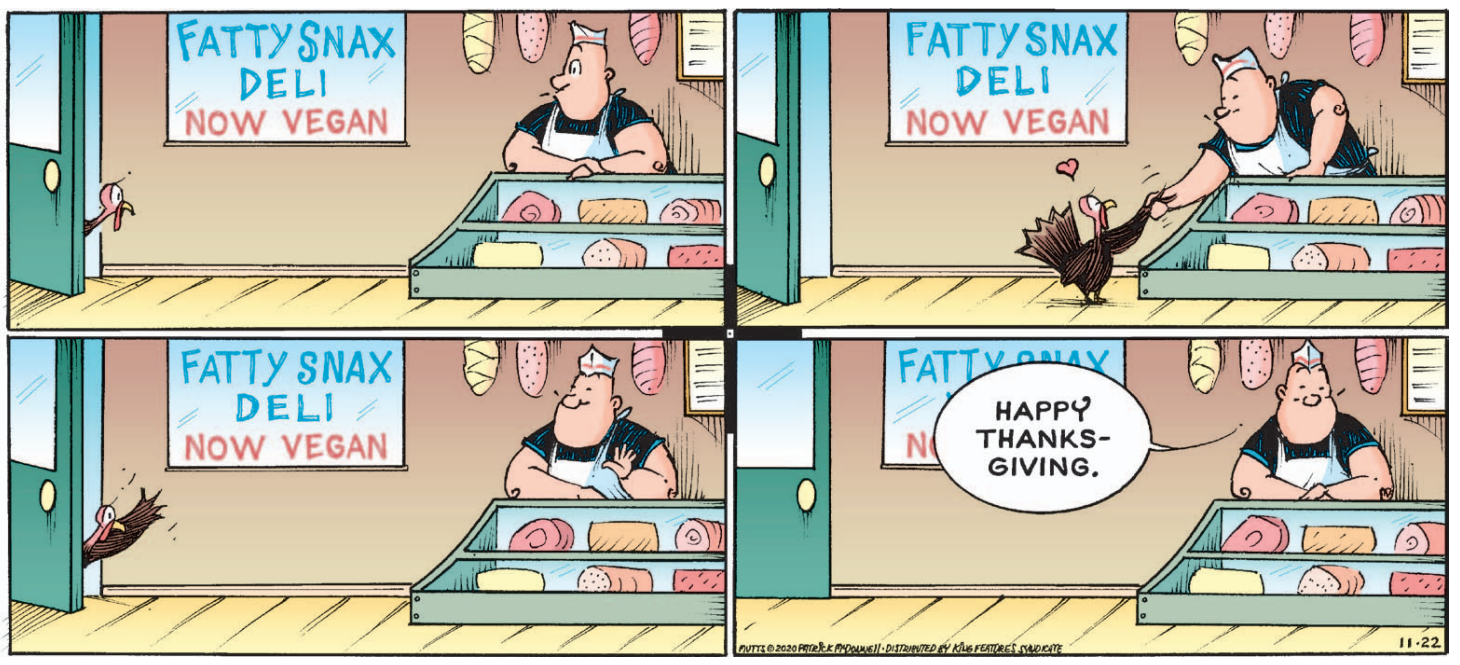
MUTTS

Patrick McDonnell


FATTY SNAX DELI NOW VEGAN
HAPPY THANKS-GIVING.
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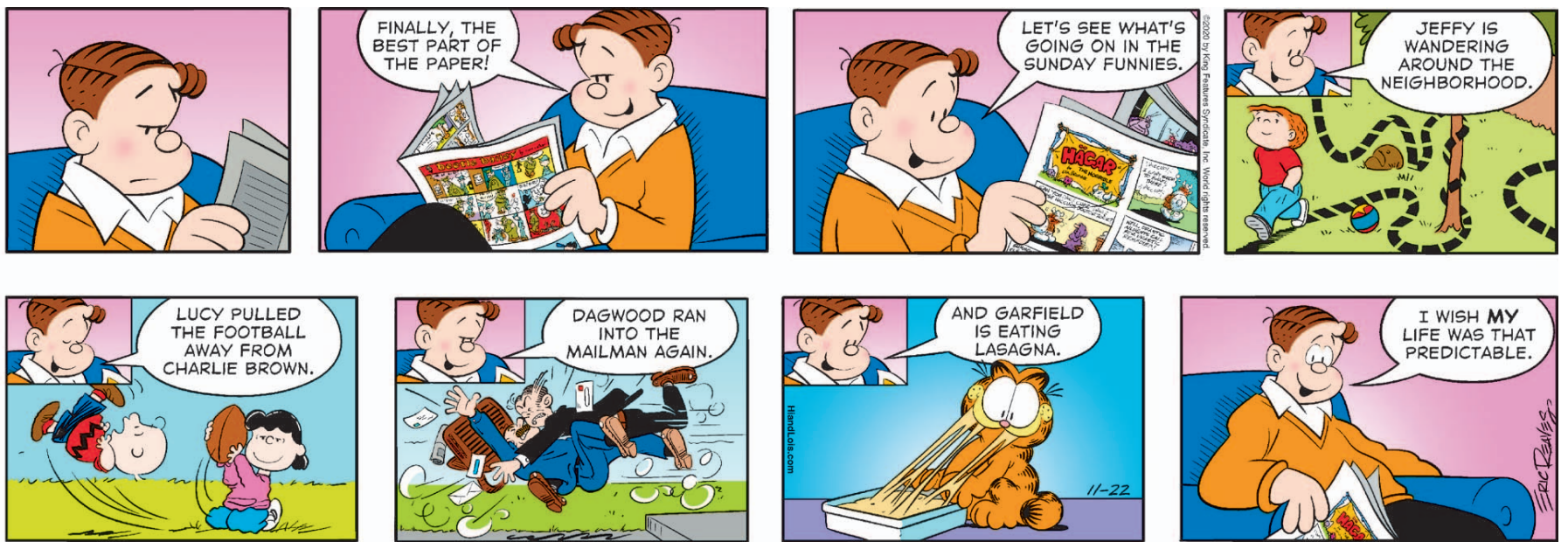
Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER


FINALLY, THE BEST PART OF THE PAPER!
LET'S SEE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE SUNDAY FUNNIES.
HAGAR
JEFFY IS WANDERING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
LUCY PULLED THE FOOTBALL AWAY FROM CHARLIE BROWN.
DAGWOOD RAN INTO THE MAILMAN AGAIN.
AND GARFIELD IS EATING LASAGNA.
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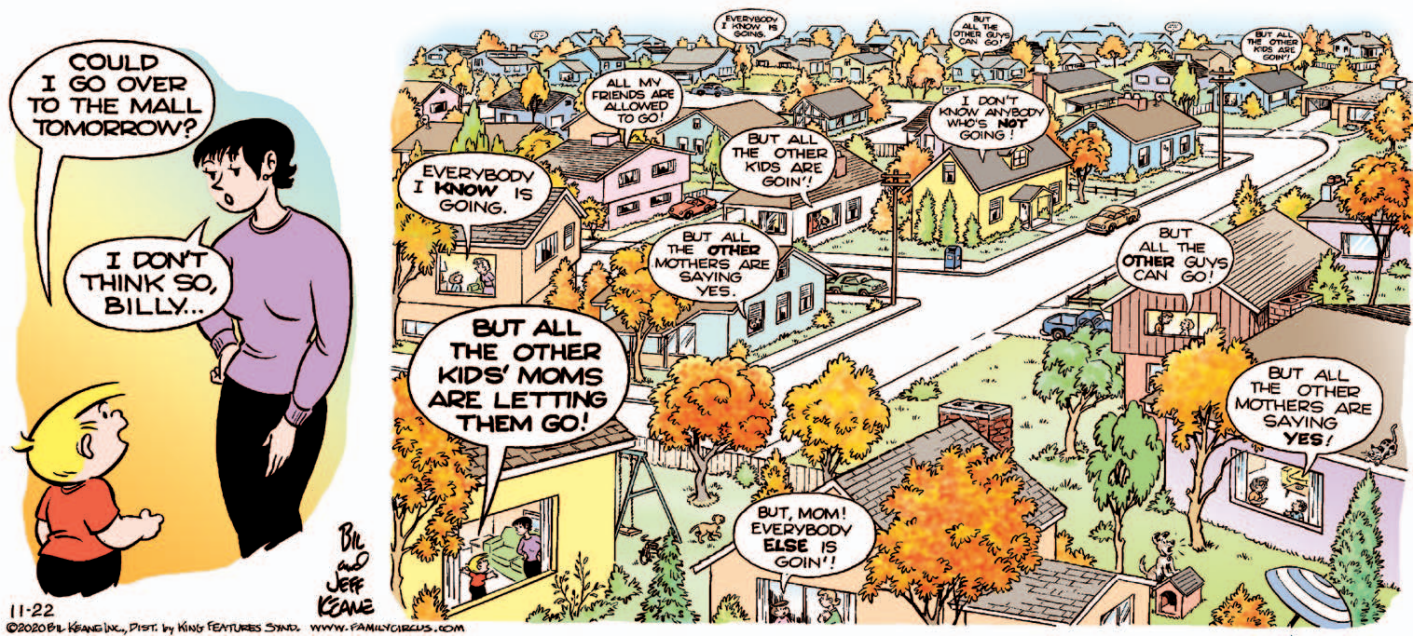
I WISH MY LIFE WAS THAT PREDICTABLE.
ERIC RANKIN

The Family Circus®

By Bil Keane


COULD I GO OVER TO THE MALL TOMORROW?
I DON'T THINK SO, BILLY..
EVERYBODY I KNOW IS GOING.
ALL MY FRIENDS ARE ALLOWED TO GO!
BUT ALL THE OTHER KIDS ARE GOIN'!
I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY WHO'S NOT GOING!
BUT ALL THE OTHER MOTHERS ARE SAYING YES.
BUT ALL THE OTHER GUYS CAN GO!
BUT ALL THE OTHER KIDS' MOMS ARE LETTING THEM GO!
BUT, MOM! EVERYBODY ELSE IS GOIN'!
BUT ALL THE OTHER MOTHERS ARE SAYING YES!
Bil and Jeff Keane
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Funky Winkerbean

by Tom Batiuk

SAM'N'ELLA'S BAND TURKEY
HOW'S THE BAND TURKEY FUNDRAISING DRIVE GOING, BECKY?
IT'S BEEN GOBBLING UP A LOT OF MY TIME!
PUN INTENDED, I ASSUME.
SADLY, YES.
ARE THE BAND MOMS HELPING OUT?
ACTUALLY, WE DON'T CALL THEM BAND MOMS ANYMORE...
JUST M.O.M.
MERCH OPERATION MANAGERS.
WELL, GOOD LUCK... IT'S BEEN NICE TALKING TURKEY WITH YOU.
PUN INTENDED, I ASSUME.
SADLY, YES.
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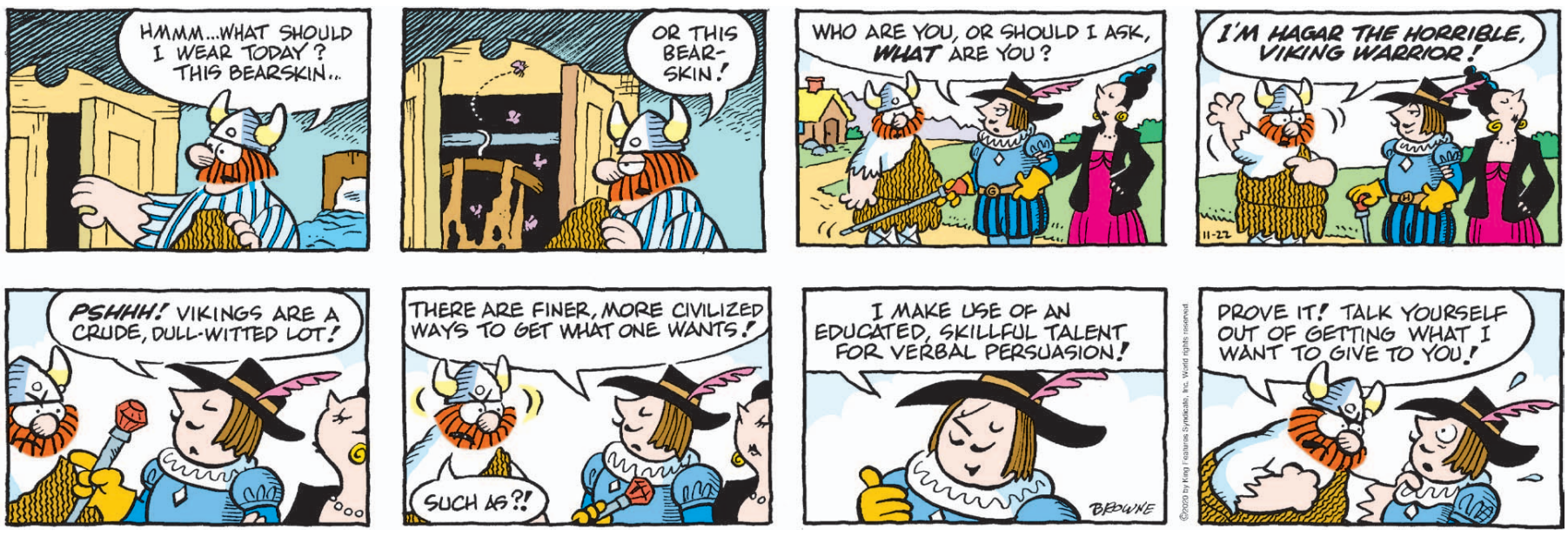
HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


HMMM...WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TODAY? THIS BEARSKIN..
OR THIS BEAR-SKIN!
WHO ARE YOU, OR SHOULD I ASK, WHAT ARE YOU?
I'M HAGAR THE HORRIBLE, VIKING WARRIOR!
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PSHHH! VIKINGS ARE A CRUDE, DULL-WITTED LOT!
THERE ARE FINER, MORE CIVILIZED WAYS TO GET WHAT ONE WANTS!
SUCH AS?!
I MAKE USE OF AN EDUCATED, SKILLFUL TALENT FOR VERBAL PERSUASION!
BROWNE
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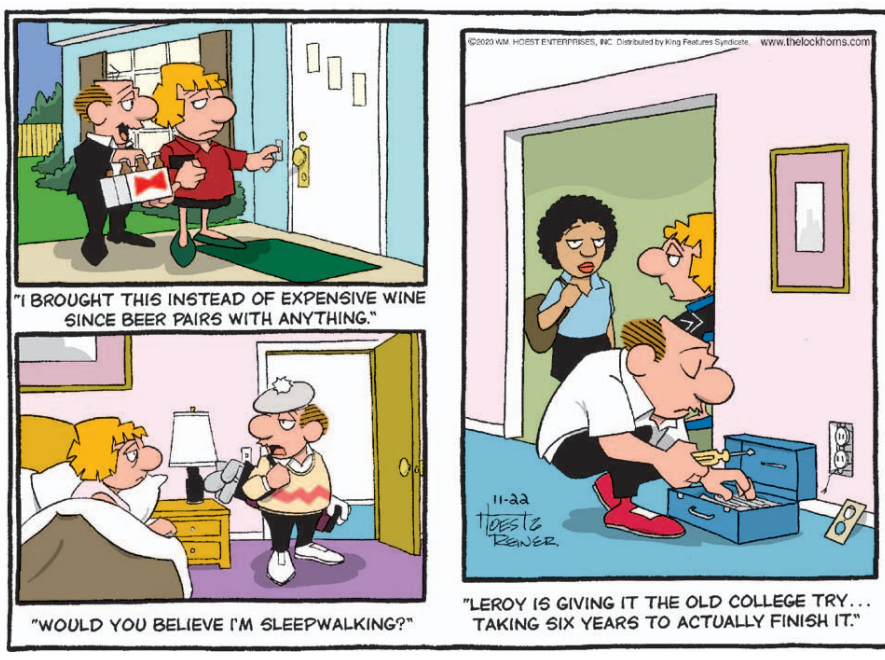
PROVE IT! TALK YOURSELF OUT OF GETTING WHAT I WANT TO GIVE TO YOU!

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"I BROUGHT THIS INSTEAD OF EXPENSIVE WINE SINCE BEER PAIRS WITH ANYTHING."
"WOULD YOU BELIEVE I'M SLEEPWALKING?"
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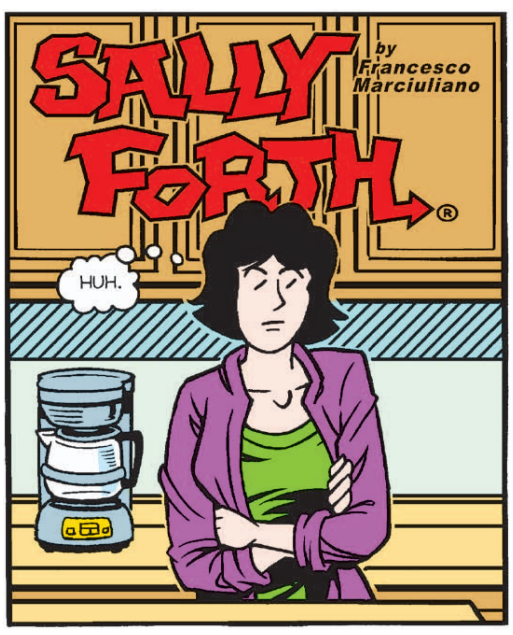
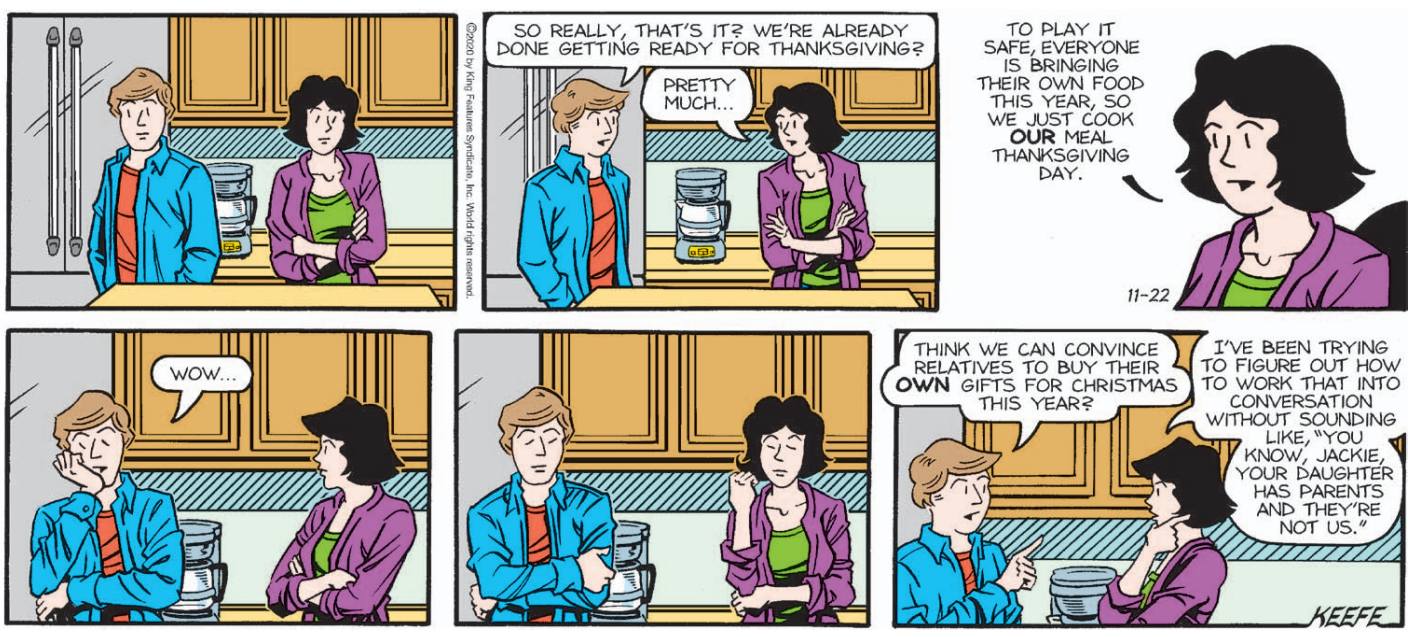
HOEST & REINER
"LEROY IS GIVING IT THE OLD COLLEGE TRY... TAKING SIX YEARS TO ACTUALLY FINISH IT."
"WHEN YOU ORDERED ONE DESSERT WITH TWO SPOONS, I JUST ASSUMED..."
"LORETTA'S ON 'MUTE' AND I CAN STILL HEAR HER."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano

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SO REALLY, THAT'S IT? WE'RE ALREADY DONE GETTING READY FOR THANKSGIVING?
PRETTY MUCH...
TO PLAY IT SAFE, EVERYONE IS BRINGING THEIR OWN FOOD THIS YEAR, SO WE JUST COOK OUR MEAL THANKSGIVING DAY.
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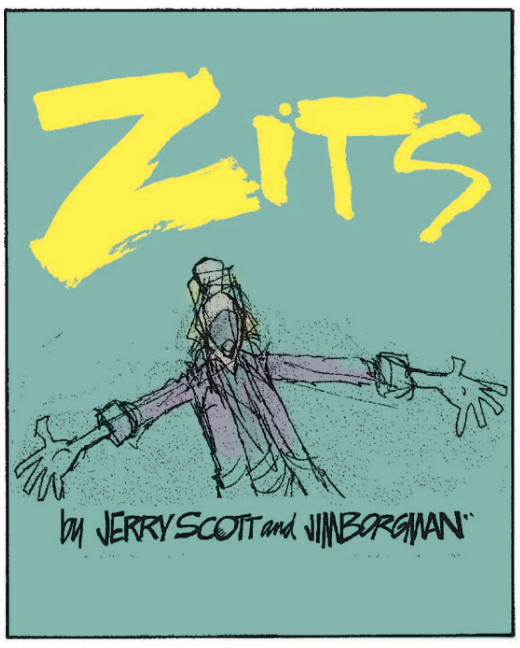
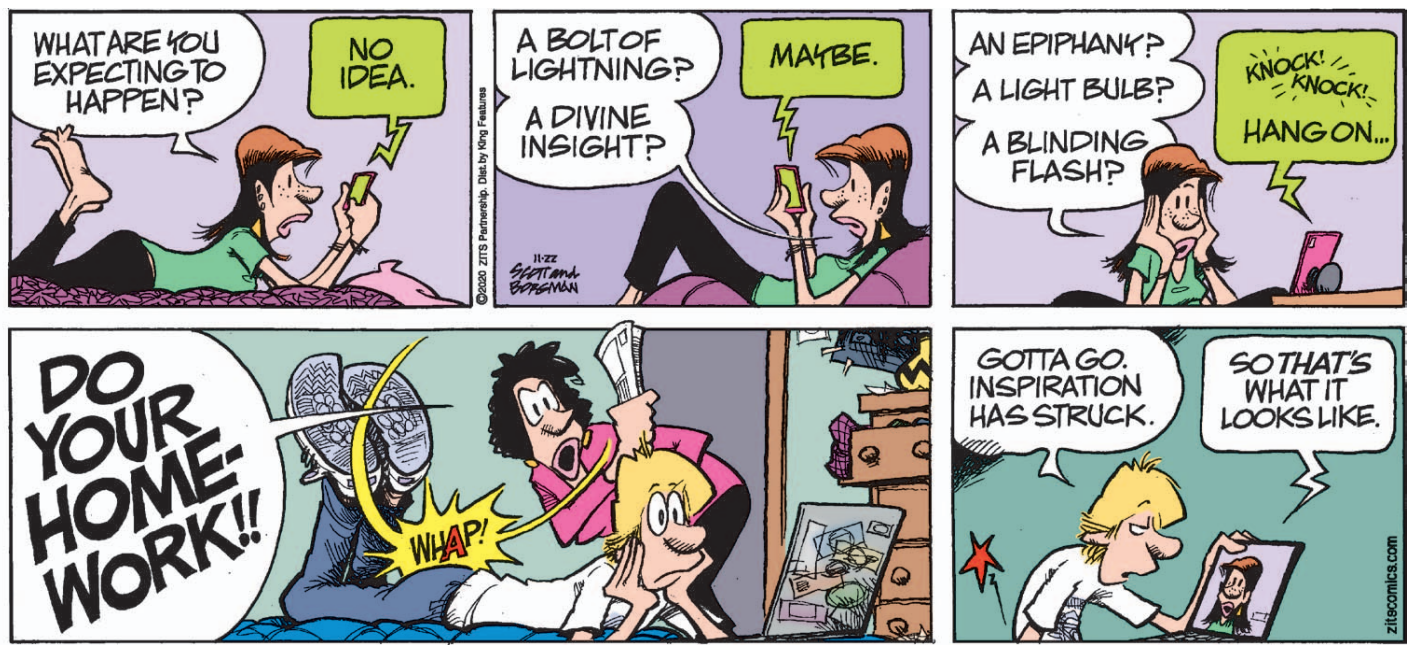
WOW...
THINK WE CAN CONVINCE RELATIVES TO BUY THEIR OWN GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO WORK THAT INTO CONVERSATION WITHOUT SOUNDING LIKE, "YOU KNOW, JACKIE, YOUR DAUGHTER HAS PARENTS AND THEY'RE NOT US."
KEEFE

ZITS

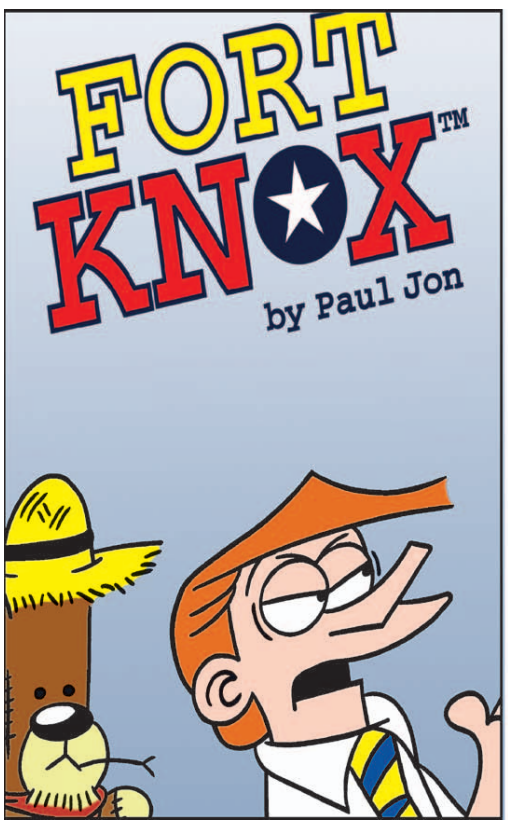
by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN

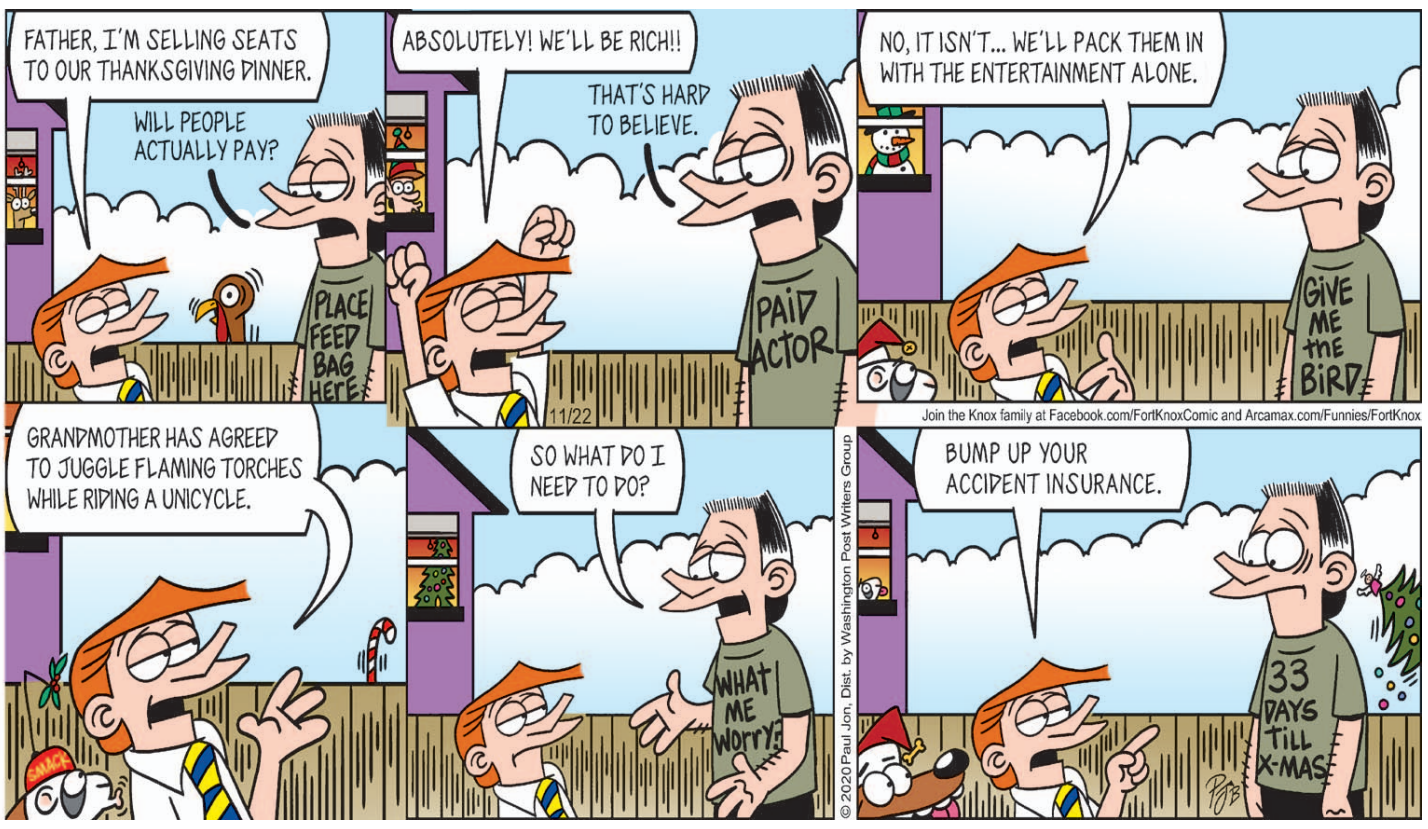




FORT KNOX™

by Paul Jon




FATHER, I'M SELLING SEATS TO OUR THANKSGIVING DINNER.
WILL PEOPLE ACTUALLY PAY?
PLACE FEED BAG HERE
ABSOLUTELY! WE'LL BE RICH!!
THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE.
PAID ACTOR
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NO, IT ISN'T... WE'LL PACK THEM IN WITH THE ENTERTAINMENT ALONE.
GIVE ME the BIRD
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GRANDMOTHER HAS AGREED TO JUGGLE FLAMING TORCHES WHILE RIDING A UNICYCLE.
SMACK
SO WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?
WHAT ME Worry?
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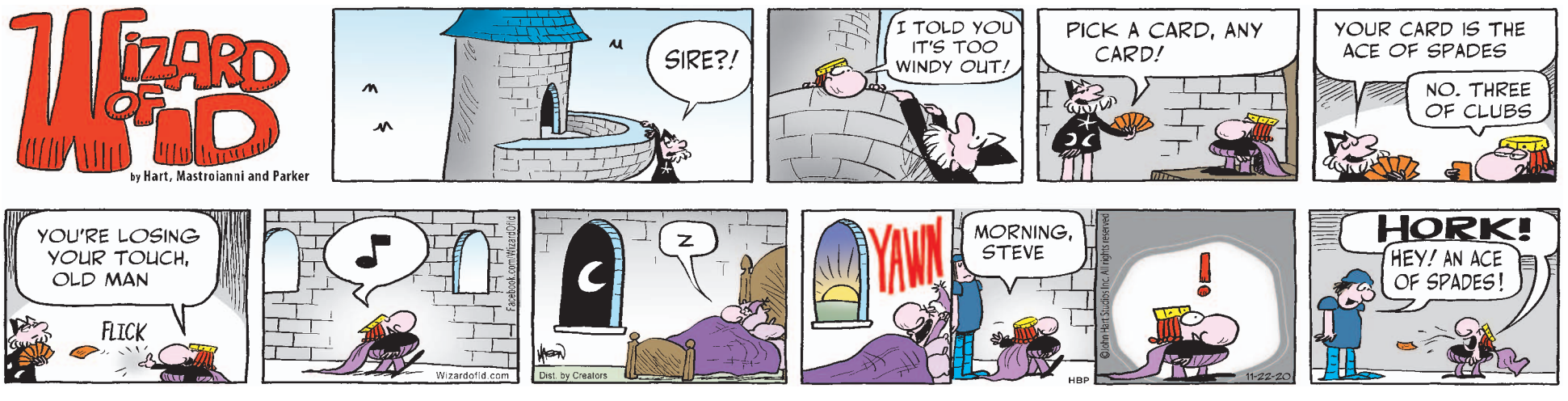
WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker



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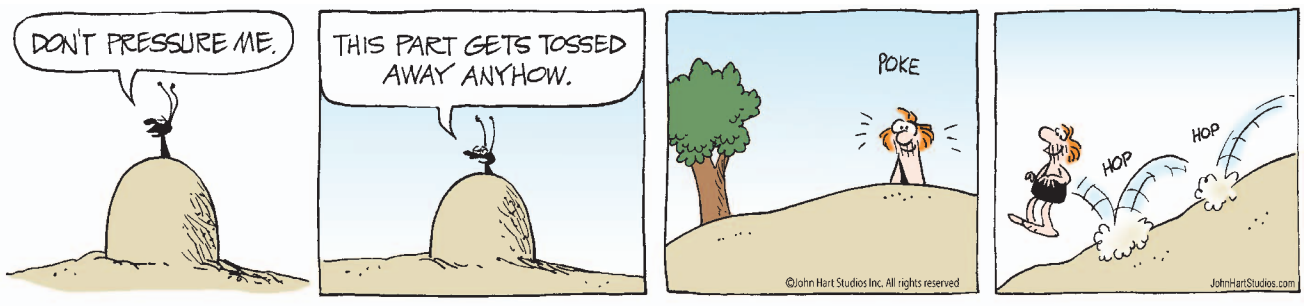

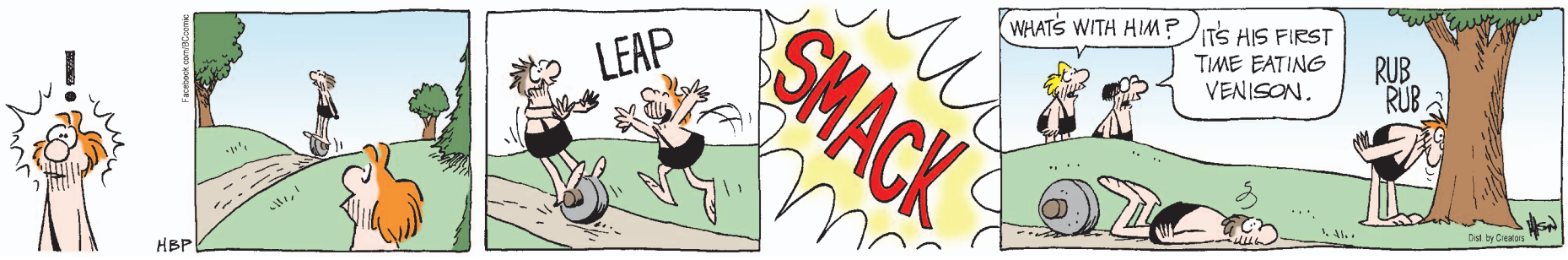

Kliq

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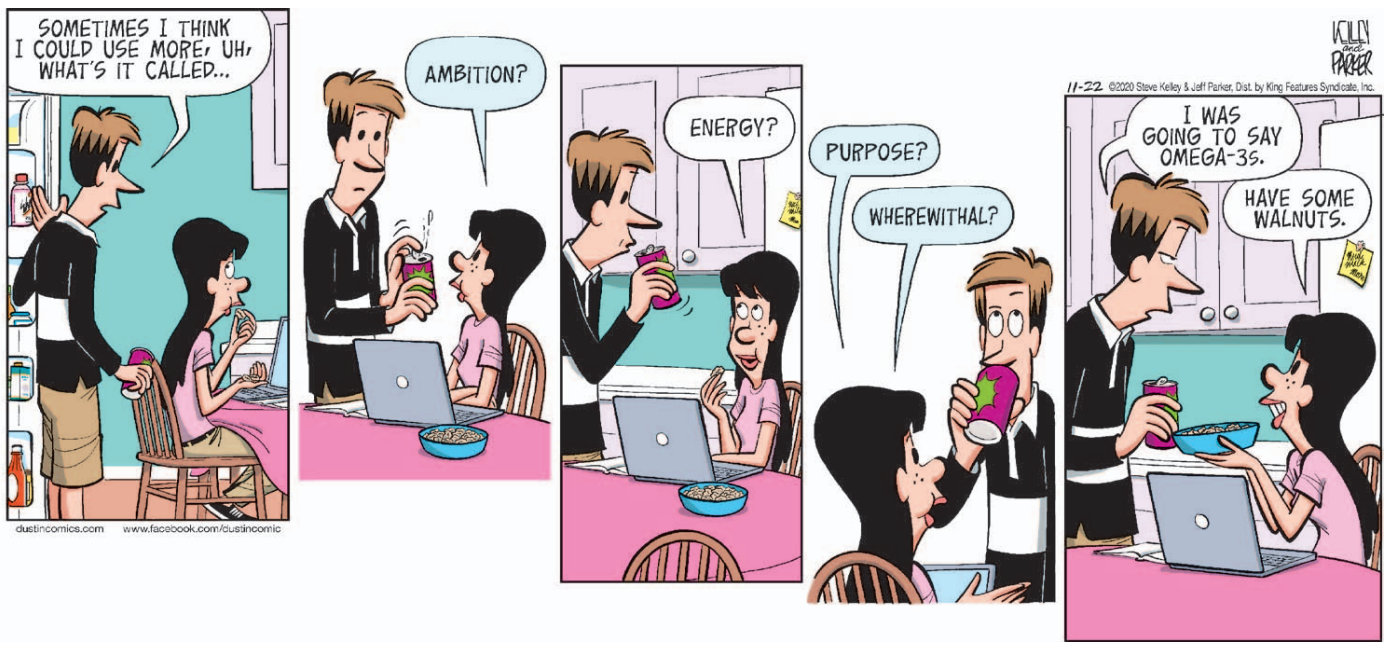
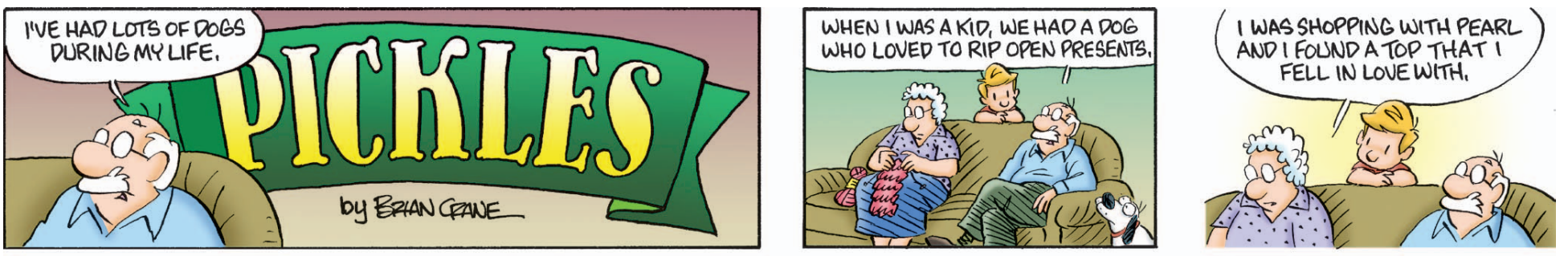


MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE


I'VE HAD LOTS OF DOGS DURING MY LIFE.
WHEN I WAS A KID, WE HAD A DOG WHO LOVED TO RIP OPEN PRESENTS.
I WAS SHOPPING WITH PEARL AND I FOUND A TOP THAT I FELL IN LOVE WITH.
WE HAD TO BE CAREFUL ON CHRISTMAS AND BIRTHDAYS BECAUSE SHE'D RIP OPEN ALL THE GIFTS.
AND THEN PEARL POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS THE EXACT SAME TOP I WAS WEARING.
HE DOESN'T DO THAT AS MUCH NOW THAT HE'S DEAD.
LISTENING TO GRAMMA AND GRAMPA IS LIKE WATCHING TWO TV SHOWS AT ONCE.
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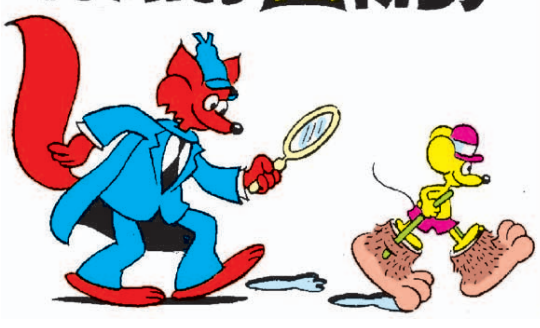
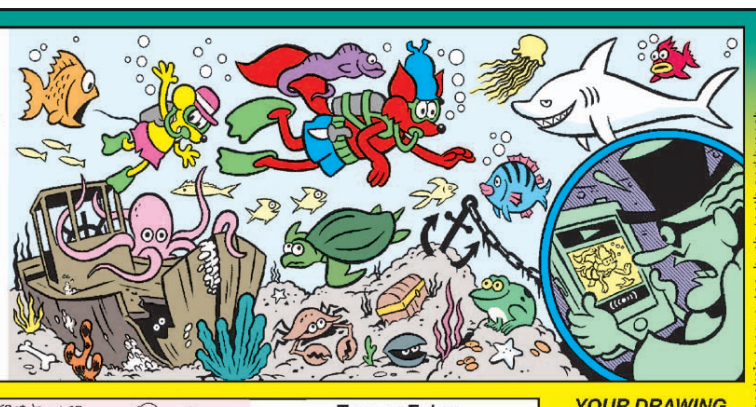
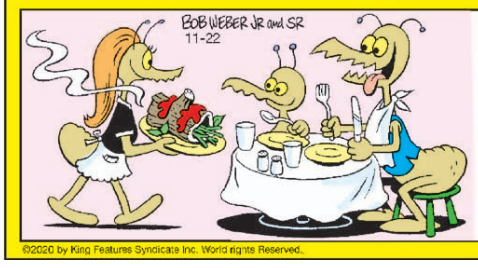
Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS



Count Weirdly built a secret hideout bunker beneath the ocean floor. Outside of its hidden entrance he placed a robotic intruder detection device. Slylock Fox identified the device shortly after diving to the location in this scene. Can you identify the device?

Solution -- Weirdly placed a robotic frog, fitted with camera eyes, at the bunker's hidden entrance. Slylock knows that frogs do not live in the ocean.





True or False

1) Termites are white ants.
2) The average life span of a queen termite is 15 years.
3) The nests of a certain tropical termite species are huge mounds, often 20 feet high.

Answer -- 1) False. Termites are very different from ants. They are most closely related to cockroaches. 2) True. 3) True.

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Colsen, age 12

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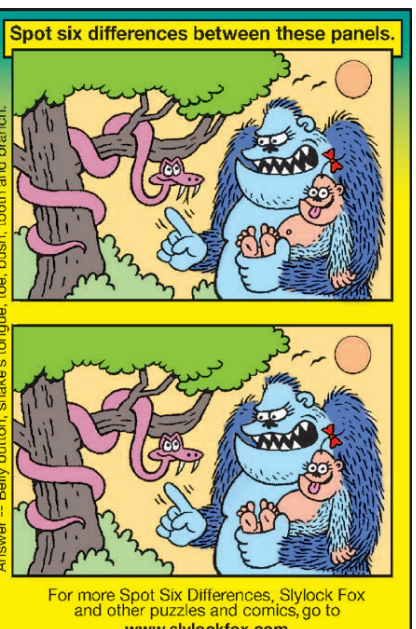
Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Belly button, snake's tongue, toe, bush, tooth and branch.

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